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## HOW I DROPPED £100,000 ON THE "MIRROR."

By ALFRED HARMSWORTH.

### A COMPLETE STATEMENT OF OUR CIRCULATION FOR 99 NUMBERS, SHOWING HOW SUCCESS CAME AFTER FAILURE.

Owing to much good luck and many loyal co-workers, the *Daily Mirror* is, up to the present, the only journalistic failure with which I have been associated. But the *Daily Illustrated Mirror*, which has replaced it, is certainly one of the swiftest journalistic successes with which I have been associated.

Disaster often may be changed to triumph by an alteration in tactics. The faculty of

and I started one. The belief cost me £100,000. I found out that I was beaten. Women don't want a daily paper of their own.

It was another instance of the failures made by a mere man in diagnosing women's needs. Some people say that a woman never really knows what she wants. It is certain she knew what she didn't want. *She* didn't want the *Daily Mirror*.

No newspaper was ever started with such a "boom" as that which marked the birth of the *Daily Mirror*. I advertised it everywhere,

*Mirror* for the period during which it was produced. It will prove of interest to anyone trembling upon the brink of starting a daily newspaper for women.

But while the figures emphasise the failure of the old *Mirror*, they also proclaim the success of the new *Daily Illustrated Mirror*. Its circulation is only limited now by the capacity of its printing machines. I cannot supply the demand because at present I have not the machinery. The *Mirror* cannot borrow any of the machines from the "Daily Mail,"

### BIOGRAPHY OF THE "MIRROR."

Figures which Show How the  
Circulation Fell and then  
Suddenly Rose.

The statistics of our editions from the start follow. They demonstrate how a circulation has multiplied by nearly six in less than a month.

The sales of the first number amounted to 265,217, which beats all records for first numbers. This

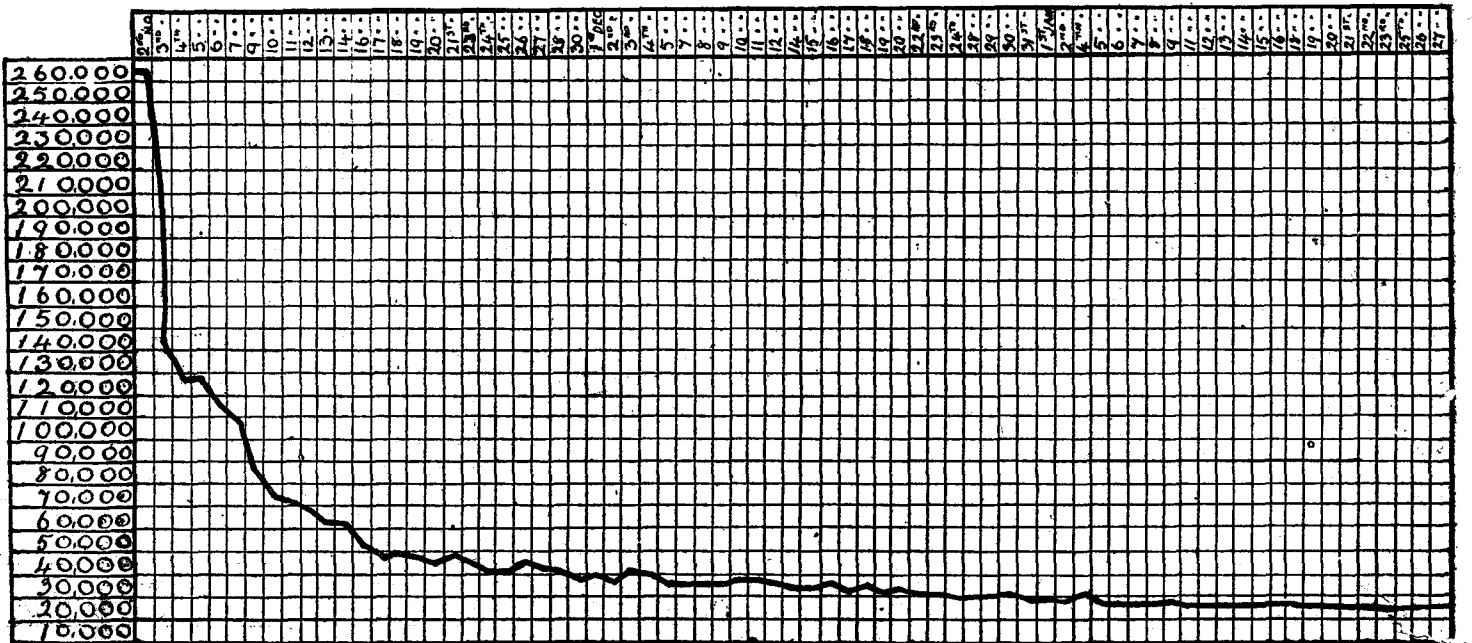


CHART SHOWING THE FALL OF THE "DAILY MIRROR."

spending money lavishly. If there was anyone in the United Kingdom who was not aware that the *Daily Mirror* was to be started he must have been deaf, dumb, or blind, or all three. Had I had enough printing machinery I could have sold several millions of the first number.

The public made an excited rush for that first issue, but would have nothing to do with the second. Men didn't want a purely woman's paper. Women feared that a woman's paper would be made up of articles written in a namby-pamby way. The woman's paper known as the *Daily Mirror* was a flat, rank, and unmitigated failure.

I have decided to make a frank and full confession of the circulation of the old

because these are overworked already. Until new illustrating presses are installed the circulation of the *Mirror* cannot expand to anything like its future capacity.

If the *Daily Mirror* had not failed I should not have found out so promptly that the public want a daily picture paper. They do. That has been amply demonstrated.

The circulation of the old *Daily Mirror* was at such a low ebb that nothing could have damaged it. It was in about the condition of a Russian battleship at Port Arthur. I decided to make an experiment with it, and I changed the price to a halfpenny, and filled it full of photographs and pictures to see how that would do.

It did.

ALFRED HARMSWORTH.

immense circulation was obtained by lavish advertising. But the circulation of the second number fell off 121,955 copies, no doubt beating all records in tumbling ever achieved by a number 2. It was evident that a large quantity of persons who thought that the *Mirror* was about the sort of publication they would like changed their minds very rapidly on seeing it.

The tumble on the third day was less discouraging. It amounted to only 15,285 copies.

Sixty-five more persons invested in the *Mirror* on the fourth day than on the third, and the publisher felt a slight glow of satisfaction. He began to think that the bottom of the slump had been reached. But it hadn't, for on November 6 more than 10,000 readers suddenly seceded, and the temperature in the circulation department tumbled to a corresponding extent.

The course of events in the second week was painful. The desire not to read the *Mirror* had become contagious and the second Monday found our circulation down to the depressing total of

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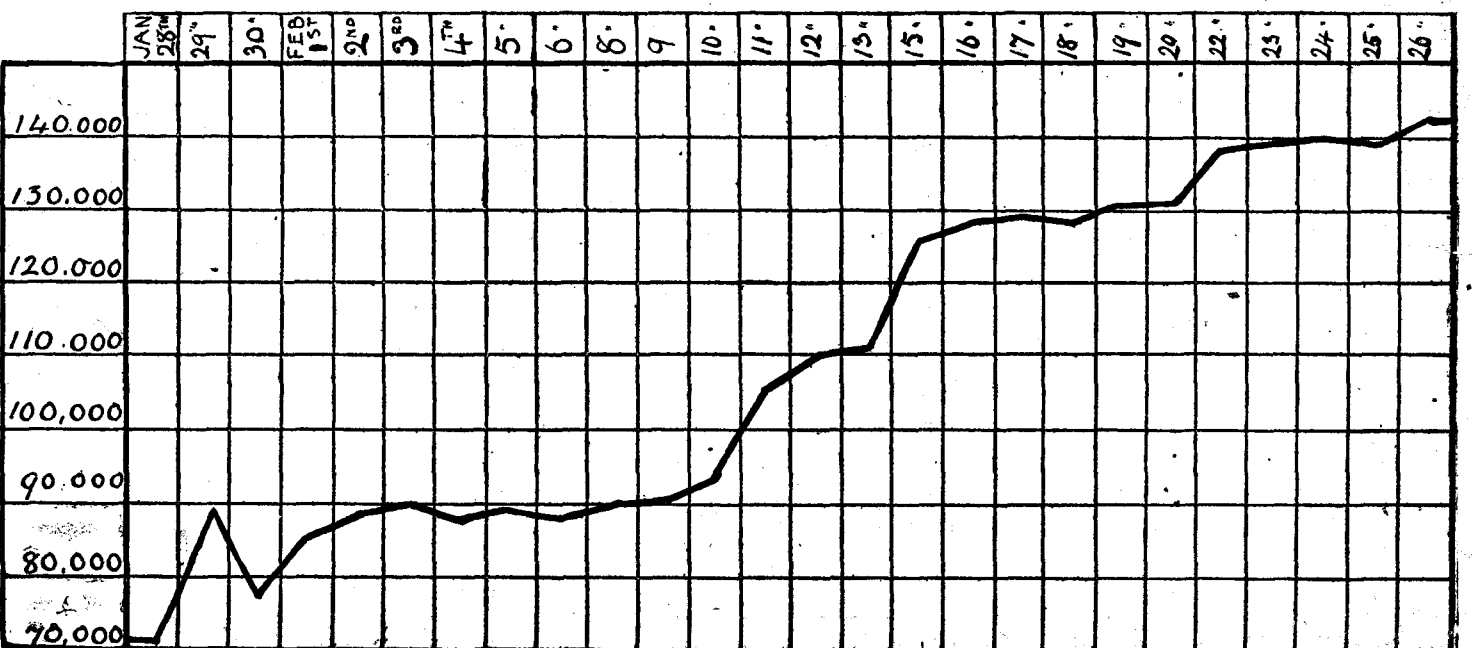


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# JAPAN'S NEW MOVE.

Reported Landing Near  
Vladivostok.

## PORT ARTHUR'S PERIL.

Admiral Alexeieff's Des-  
patch to the Czar.

## ATTITUDE OF KOREA.

The Japanese have landed troops at Possiet Bay, fifty miles south of Vladivostok, and advanced to Hun-chun, thirty miles inland, the Russian garrison fleeing to Kirin.

The Japanese Legation in London states on the 24th torpedo boats escorted four old vessels to entrance of Port Arthur harbour, the object being to sink the latter and block the entrance. The Legation says this object was attained.

Later messages tend to confirm this view, a Tokio telegram in particular asserting that the attempt was partially successful. A Seoul message received at New York says Korea has decided to join Japan.

Reports from several quarters confirm the announcement that the Japanese have landed a force at Possiet Bay, and have advanced to a Russian frontier town called Hun-chun, on the boundaries of Korea and Manchuria. It is stated that Hun-chun was garrisoned by a Russian force of 600 soldiers, who, upon hearing of this new move of Japan and the sudden advance of the enemy, fled, panic-stricken, to Kirin.

This betokens a new move on the part of Japan which may have an important influence on succeeding events, but it is quite in keeping with the daring policy which has hitherto characterised the Japanese movements, and which they have successfully concealed from the outer world until the ripe moment has arrived for its development.

This is the first invasion of Russian territory by the Japanese, Possiet Bay being situate in the extreme southern corner of the maritime province of Siberia. Hun-chun is about twenty-five miles from where the Japanese landed, and Kirin, to which the Hun-chun garrison fled, is a town of some importance in the centre of Manchuria, and is 200 miles beyond Hun-chun. Thence it is connected by rail with Harbin, Mukden, and Port Arthur.

So far it is not known what force the Japanese have landed, but it is not improbable that this daring enterprise is supported by a substantial body of troops, ready and able to hold its own in the enemy's country.

Native reports (says Reuter) give the impression that the Japanese landing has produced a panic among European civilians at Hun-chun, and in the direction of Kirin.

## ATTACKS ON PORT ARTHUR.

Japanese Daring is Partially  
Rewarded.

Although several Russian versions of the Japanese attack on Port Arthur have been published, people have waited with some impatience for a report from "the other side," and this has now been furnished by the Japanese Legation in London in the following terms:—

"Early on the morning of the 24th four old vessels, escorted by some torpedo boats, concentrated round the entrance to Port Arthur for the purpose of blocking the mouth of the harbour. The object of sinking these vessels was attained, the officers and crews returning safely. Although there is no report regarding our fleet direct from Admiral Togo, no doubt can be entertained as to its safety."

From this it would appear that the doubt with which the Russian reports of having repulsed the Japanese boats and having destroyed four or six torpedo-boats were received was well justified.

A correspondent at Port Arthur, in a message that has reached St. Petersburg, says, respecting the reported third attack on that place:—

"An inspection of the Japanese fireships shows they were loaded with coal and kerosene, while infernal machines appear to have been arranged in the interior of the vessels, to which conducting wires led from an electric battery placed on the ladder. At one o'clock Friday morning several Japanese torpedo boats were sighted with sails set to disguise their character. Fire was opened from the Retvisan and the shore batteries, and was kept up until morning without any visible result. After day-break a Japanese squadron, apparently conveying transports, was seen, and at a quarter past eleven came nearer. An artillery engagement lasting forty minutes ensued, but no damage was done on either side. A landing is expected."—Reuter.

### NOT QUITE SUCCESSFUL.

A Tokio message received last night, and referring to Wednesday's attempt, tells us that four transports were dispatched to Port Arthur for the purpose of being sunk, and of blocking the mouth of the harbour. Notwithstanding the Russian denial, it is stated by trustworthy authority that one Japanese transport was sunk below the lighthouse at the mouth of Port Arthur Harbour, and that the

desired object was thus accomplished to some extent. Almost useless vessels were used for the purpose.

The "Associated Press," of New York, is in receipt of a telegram from Tokio, also of yesterday's date, which indicates that Admiral Togo's attempt to bottle up the Russians in Port Arthur evidently failed, although the venture caused no loss of life, and the vessels lost were of no great value. Admiral Togo prepared five ships, four of which are reported to have sunk. The fate of the fifth is unknown, but it is presumed that it withdrew with the fleet. The vessels, says a Reuter's special telegram, were filled with stones, so as to make the obstruction permanent. Volunteers from the merchant marine formed the crews.

Accompanied by four battleships, nine cruisers, and numerous vessels of the torpedo flotilla, the stone-laden steamers reached Port Arthur on Wednesday. While the fleet engaged the shore batteries, the steamers dashed for the mouth of the harbour directly under the Russian guns. Apparently the Russian fire sank the steamers before they reached the foundering points planned.

It is said that all the crews of the four vessels escaped in their boats, and that the Japanese destroyers picked them up, and denies that two destroyers were sunk.

According to a St. Petersburg message on Thursday night Japanese torpedo boats sought to advance on Port Arthur under the protection of the fleet. They were repulsed by two torpedo boats disguised with sails, and sunk.

## DESPATCH FROM ALEXEIEFF.

Admiral Alexeieff's report respecting some of the recent events reached the Tsar yesterday. It states:—

"On the 24th inst. seventeen of the enemy's warships with twelve torpedo boats and steamers were cruising outside Port Arthur, but keeping out of range. On the same day the Russian cruisers Bayan, Askold, and Novik left the roadstead. Two Japanese cruisers advanced towards the Novik, which returned to Port Arthur, accompanied by our torpedo boats from Goloubina Bay. The enemy's cruisers were left far behind."

"On the night of the 25th," says the report, "our torpedo boats proceeded seawards. The same night the Japanese torpedo boats again appeared in the roads. The Retvisan and the batteries in the fort opened fire on them. Battery No. 18 reports having sunk one of the enemy's torpedo boats."

## KOREA TO JOIN JAPAN.

A telegram from Seoul of yesterday's date, which has reached New York, says Reuter, states that Korea has decided to order Korean troops to join the Japanese in the field. Wiju was opened to foreign trade on the evening of the 25th inst. The trade limitations and other incidental matters will be arranged later. This action necessitates the opening of a harbour, and Yongampho has accordingly been chosen.

## WAR FLASHES.

Advices from Newchwang say European ladies are in danger from the undisciplined Russian troops.

In a farewell message to General Kuropatkin, the Tsar confides to him the care of his "valiant army," his "brave army," and his "dear army."

Russian land troops are reported to be well provided with medicine, but a scarcity of ordinary provisions will hardly console them for that. The Far Eastern Russian squadron are also short of coal.

## A PORTENT IN THE SKY.

Russian Victory Promised by a  
Miracle.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Moscow, Friday.

A strange tale comes from Tomsk, the Siberian capital. The surrounding villages, it appears, have been in a state of religious ferment ever since the outbreak of war. A number of moujiks (peasants), unable to pay their railway fares, march daily through the streets of the town, declaring their intention to walk all the way to the great monastery of the Troitza, near this city, where they will pray for the success of the Russian arms.

On being questioned, they declare that a bloody hand grasping a sword with a cruciform handle has been seen in the sky in many parts of Western Siberia; and they believe this to be the hand of St. George the Victory-Bringer, Russia's most militant saint.

A priest named Athanasius has advised the moujiks that three months hence the whole figure of St. George, riding a horse of flame, will pass over Siberia, and, arriving at the sea, will strike terror into the hearts of the heathen Japanese. The Tsar's armies will win a great victory, and the sea of Japan, like the Red Sea before the Israelites, will dry up and enable the Russians to march victoriously to Tokio.

## LORD MORPETH ELECTED.

UNIONIST MAJORITY OF 3,076. AT  
SOUTH BIRMINGHAM.

Tariff Reform has won a great victory in Mr. Chamberlain's own city. Lord Morpeth has been returned with a majority not far short of Mr. Powell Williams's.

The result was declared about 9.30 last night as follows:—

Lord Morpeth (U.)	5,299
Hollowell (L.)	2,223
Majority	3,076

Returning thanks for his success, Lord Morpeth said the electors had struck a blow for the Unionist cause which would have its value throughout the country. Winning by such a majority was a cheering message to the great leader working for their cause.

At the last contested election in South Birmingham—that of 1895—the Unionist candidate, Mr. Powell Williams, simply romped in, scoring 4,830 against Mr. Priestman's 1,257—a majority of 3,573.

The Unionist majorities in 1885 and 1892 were 1,788 and 2,923 respectively. Mr. Powell Williams was returned unopposed in 1900.

## LAST NIGHT'S SPEECHES.

Mr. H. H. Asquith spoke to a crowded Liberal demonstration in the Kursaal at Harrogate. He heartily commended the candidature of Mr. Lynch.

After nine years of Tory administration, he said, they found themselves with a depleted exchequer, reaping the fruits of the domestic and reactionary legislation which was never approved by the country, and face to face with proposals of a fiscal change which Liberals believed if carried into effect would be ruinous and detrimental to the interests of our Empire.

He condemned the idea of the Government employing Chinese labour in the Transvaal under servile conditions, and ridiculed the fiscal policy of Mr. Chamberlain.

"Facing Both Ways."

Mr. Morley, speaking at Consett, Durham, last night, said Mr. Balfour's policy in effect was that, if local Unionist associations were to return a Chamberlain majority, then the Cabinet would adopt Mr. Chamberlain's policy. If constituents did not give a Chamberlain majority they would die rather than surrender the sacred principles of free trade.

Referring to the Chinese labour problem, he would not argue whether indentured Chinamen meant slavery, but assumptions would be equally sound if put forward to defend slavery. They were told the Transvaal was a grand field for our surplus population. But when the surplus population went there it found itself more surplus and returned home.

## Free Trade Not From Heaven.

Lord Selborne, speaking at Woodbridge last night, said it was not true that the prosperity of this country during the last sixty years was entirely due to free trade. The foundations of prosperity were laid long before. It was largely due to steam and gold.

He declined altogether to accept the doctrine that the present system was sacred and must not be considered.

They had as much right to consider the fiscal arrangements as any other part of the constitution. The politicians of to-day must regard it as trustees of the future.

## THE MISSION TO THIBET.

Tibet and the political aspects of the British mission that is disturbing the peace of mind of the Dalai Lama were discussed in the House of Lords yesterday afternoon. The Prince of Wales was an interested listener to Lord Lansdowne's exposition of a move that is primarily intended to counteract Russian influence in a State bordering on our Indian Empire.

## CERTIFIED CENTENARIAN.

John Bolton, who died yesterday at Blackburn Workhouse, was 105 years old. His age has been verified by the master of the workhouse, where he stayed for eleven years, cheerful, active, and industrious until the last. He could read without spectacles until the day of his death, was an inveterate smoker and snuff-taker, and fond of a glass of beer.

## "DAILY MAIL" WAR MAP.

Owing to the continued large demand for the map of the "Far East," over 100,000 copies have now been produced. The scale is larger and the information is fuller than any other map published at the same price.

The map folds within a cover into convenient size and may be obtained from the publishers, George Philip and Son, Limited, 32, Fleet-street, E.C., and of all booksellers, newsagents, and bookstalls.

## DIARY OF THE WAR.

Feb. 5.—Japan sends her Note breaking off negotiations.

Feb. 7.—News published in St. Petersburg and London.

Feb. 8.—Russia has the first shot, the Korietz firing on Japanese warships off Chemulpho.

At midnight the Japanese made a torpedo attack at Port Arthur, disabling three Russian warships.

Feb. 9.—Naval battle off Port Arthur; four Russian ships disabled.

Combat between Japanese squadron and Russian ships Variag and Korietz off Chemulpho; both Russians sunk. Japanese troops landed.

Tsar prays for success to Russian arms.

Feb. 10.—Tsar issues formal proclamation of war.

Japanese troops occupy Seoul, the capital of Korea.

M. Kurino, the Japanese Ambassador, leaves St. Petersburg.

Feb. 11.—Bridge on Manchurian Railway reported blown up.

Russian transport Yenisei blown up by a mine at Port Arthur. Four officers and ninety-two men killed.

Japan formally proclaims war.

Declaration of neutrality by the other Great Powers.

Feb. 13.—China addresses a Note to Japan and Russia that if the Imperial Tombs at Mukden are not respected she will take steps to protect them by force.

Feb. 14.—Second night torpedo attack on Port Arthur. Russian cruiser Boyarin damaged.

Feb. 16.—New cruisers Kasuga and Nishin reach Japan.

Feb. 18.—Russia issues proclamation promising Japan chastisement for her "treachery."

Feb. 19.—First encounter between Cossacks and a small Japanese detachment in Korean territory, on the south side of the Yalu. Some Japanese taken prisoners.

Feb. 23.—Japanese attempt to "bottle up" Port Arthur.

Feb. 24.—Further attack on Port Arthur.

Feb. 26.—Japanese reported to have landed at Possiet Bay, to the south of Vladivostok.

# TWOPENCE MORE ON INCOME TAX.

Chancellor of the Exchequer  
Faced by a Deficit of  
Many Millions.

## OPPRESSING THE TAX-PAYERS

Mr. Austen Chamberlain's first Budget will spring an unwelcome surprise upon the nation. The Chancellor is confronted by a sorry deficit, variously stated at £6,000,000 to £9,000,000, and the poor taxpayer must be victimised again, probably to the extent of an additional 2d. in the pound.

Is the Government at its last gasp? It looks remarkably like it.

The coming Budget certainly promises to be exceedingly unpopular with the people by reason of this heavy deficit.

The direct cause of this deficit is owing to the Revenue falling short of the anticipations held out by the previous Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Ritchie.

How it is proposed to make good the shortage becomes the uppermost question in the minds of the electors, more particularly the Income-tax payer, who expects to have to bear the big share of the burden.

Last year the Income-tax was reduced to 11d. in the £, and it was reasonably expected that, in the absence of any considerable war, the Chancellor might be able to make a still further reduction. Not even the most pessimistic supporter of the Government imagined the burden of the Income-tax payer would be again increased so soon after it had been reduced.

## As Bad as the War.

But it now turns out that the Government is as badly off as if the Boer war were still waging.

Sinister rumours are heard in the lobbies of the House of Commons. It is even stated that the Government doesn't much care what happens, now that Mr. Chamberlain has left them to take care of themselves while he enjoys a well-earned holiday.

The opinion that the Government is riding for a fall and doesn't care whether it is beaten or not beaten is supported by the fact that the administration whips are now of the three-line order instead of five lines.

A three-line whip means: "Come and vote if you have nothing better to do."

A five-line whip means: "Drop everything and come and vote."

The Government, it is suggested, realises the hopelessness of its position, and is willing to be beaten now and get it over. It is sending out three-line whips.

An increased income-tax will create a loud outcry in the country, especially among the multitude of electors whose incomes range between £160 and £500.

The support given by the Government to Chinese labour in South Africa is another of its fatal weaknesses.

## KAISER'S HOLIDAY.

To Start for the Sunny South on  
March 12.

New arrangements for the German Emperor's Mediterranean trip are to the effect that he will leave Bremen on March 12, on the N.G.L. steamer Koenig Albert, which has been placed specially at his disposal, and will probably call at Antwerp, Vigo, and Gibraltar, on the way to Naples, where he will embark on the Imperial yacht Hohenzollern.

En route the Emperor will meet the King of the Belgians.

It is not yet decided whether the Empress will accompany him.—Reuter.

## IRRITATING KEYHOLE.

Meeting with singular failure in his efforts to insert the latch-key into the keyhole on arriving home late at night, a Tottenham resident, much irritated, proceeded to kick the door with such vehemence that an admiring crowd collected. The inevitable policeman eventually arrived, and considered it his duty to arrest the man. But the North London magistrate yesterday pointed out that it was illegal in this case to arrest him on his own doorstep, and ordered the prisoner to be discharged.

## DESERTED WIVES.

Every year many hundreds of English girls are married in England to foreigners, who are subsequently able to discard them in their own countries. This state of things a bill brought forward by Mr. C. Macdonald seeks to prevent.

The English Foreign Office and the French Ambassador in London have both approved the measure, and no Bill, in all probability, ever had a more representative backing.

## STRANDED ADMIRALS.

Admirals Lord Charles Beresford and the Hon. Hedworth Lampton landed at Vigo from the Channel Fleet on Thursday for a cruise in a motor-car. After being away eight hours some uneasiness was felt for their safety. Finally, they returned with the car drawn by horses, an ending which caused great merriment in the fleet.

Judgment was delivered yesterday in the trial of the captains of the Insulaire and the Liban, which collided outside Marseilles on June 7 last, with the result that 100 lives were lost. Both were fined one franc each, while the certificate of the captain of the Liban was suspended for three years.—Reuter.

## TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is:  
Gusty north-easterly winds; wintry generally;  
cloudy, with occasional snow.

Lighting-up time: 6.34 p.m.

All sea passages will be rather rough to-day

TO-DAY'S NEWS AT A  
GLANCE.

War news from the Far East is again scarce. The Japanese are reported to have landed a force at Possiet Bay, fifty miles south of Vladivostok, and advanced inland thirty miles to Hun-chun, whence the Russian garrison fled to Kirin. An official dispatch received at the Japanese Legation in London states the attempt to block the entrance to Port Arthur was successful. There are no additional details yet to hand respecting the last reported renewed attack on Port Arthur.—(Page 2.)

In the Commons the second reading of the Musical Copyright Bill was agreed to, and that of the Mines (Eight Hours) Bill was under discussion when the debate was adjourned.—(Page 3.)

Polling took place yesterday in South Birmingham, and resulted in the return of Lord Morpeth, the fiscal reform candidate, by a very large majority.—(Page 2.)

Another great fire is reported from America, immense damage being done to the business section of Rochester, New York. Dynamiting was resorted to in order to check the flames spreading. One estimate places the loss sustained at over 7,000,000 dollars.—(Page 13.)

The Marlborough-street Police Court magistrate has refused to grant process against Mr. E. T. Hooley, concerning whom an application was made on behalf of a Mr. Paine. It was intimated by counsel that proceedings would be taken by mandamus.—(Page 6.)

What was described by counsel as an unromantic breach of promise case came before Mr. Justice Phillimore in the High Court yesterday. The story of a boarding-house courtship having been told the further hearing of the case was adjourned.—(Page 6.)

One result of the fatal City fire has been to call attention to the "Old London" fire-traps, and of the great difficulties in the way of dispensing with narrow courts and alleys. The enormous cost entailed is one of the chief obstacles.—(Page 13.)

Application was made to Mr. Justice Wills that costs should be allowed to Mr. A. B. Lucy, a student, who recovered one farthing damages in his action for libel and slander against a Croydon resident. His Lordship refused to accede to the request.—(Page 6.)

There was concluded in the High Court yesterday the hearing of the action brought against Mr. J. H. Lock, a City engineer, to recover the return of a premium paid. The jury found for the plaintiff for £70 claimed, but a stay of execution was granted.—(Page 6.)

Suing in Brighton County Court for damages in respect of personal injuries sustained through being frightened by a monkey escaped from a yacht, a Shoreham laundress was yesterday awarded £14.—(Page 6.)

Two young lions, sent as a gift from King Menelik to Mr. Roosevelt, are the latest of a remarkable series of animal gifts made to the United States President.—(Page 8.)

A professional jumper, John Higgins, summoned yesterday at Blackburn Police Court by his wife for desertion, was ordered to make her an allowance of 30s. a week.—(Page 6.)

In the Divorce Court Mr. C. E. Hill, of Evesham, obtained, at the third time of asking, a divorce from his wife. The first petition had been dismissed, and on the second the jury disagreed.—(Page 6.)

The death took place at Blackburn Workhouse yesterday of John Bolton, an inmate, at the age of 105 years.—(Page 4.)

As a result of the Institute of House and Estate Agents' refusal to admit them as members, the two rival lady house-agents have decided on the formation of an institution for members of their sex, to which women, following other professions will be admitted.—(Page 11.)

Remarkable evidence was given yesterday at the coroner's inquiry respecting the Maidstone tragedy. The jury found that Mr. Tootell murdered his wife and daughter and then committed suicide.—(Page 15.)

The England eleven made a very poor start in the Test match at Sydney, but Knight and Braund came to the rescue, and at close of play the score stood at 207 for seven wickets. P. F. Warner was dismissed for a "duck."—(Page 14.)

There are several interesting Association football matches set down for decision in London to-day. The Corinthians will entertain a First League team, in Stoke; and Tottenham Hotspur, who defeated Aston Villa in a replayed Cup-tie at Birmingham on Thursday, will be on view at the North London enclosure.—(Page 14.)

The Hurst Park Racecourse, which a week ago was under water, had almost entirely recovered yesterday, and, although the ground was a trifle heavy, some capital sport was witnessed. The Haydock Park Meeting was abandoned, owing to the snow.—(Page 14.)

City markets showed a distinctly better tone yesterday, a result of expected failures not being announced and the absence of bad news from the Continent.—(Page 13.)

## To-Day's Arrangements.

Mr. Brodrick at Manchester Carlton Club Dinner. Presentation of Prizes by Mr. Arnold-Forster to the Queen's Westminster Volunteers.

Annual Regimental Dinner of the Westminster Dragoons, Hotel Cecil, 7.30.

Lord Kelvin presides at a Dinner of the Glasgow and Lanarkshire Club in London.

Rugby Football: Ireland v. Scotland.

Racing: Hurst Park

## SCOUTS MEET IN KOREA.



Russian forces are scouting throughout the north of Korea, and the Japanese troops are steadily advancing towards them. Forces of scouts have actually come into contact between Anju and Ping-yang, about ninety miles south of the Yalu River.

## MUSICAL COPYRIGHT.

The House of Commons "Loops  
the Loop with Lucy."

The success with which the irresponsible private member can play the part of Parliamentary "blocker" needs no further demonstration after yesterday's sitting.

There was a little Bill on the order paper which seeks to limit the working hours of miners to eight per day. To a certain section of the House the Bill is objectionable to the last degree, and to prevent it becoming the law of the land the massive and somewhat soldierly Mr. Galloway entertained the House to a speech on musical copyright.

The Bill was an attempt to relieve music publishers from an abominable injustice from which they had suffered too long. The law was wholly ineffectual to prevent piracy. Out of 6,000 summonses issued against pirates under the existing Act, only 287 had been served, owing to the hawkers giving inaccurate addresses.

The hands of the clock moved slowly round, but

Mr. Galloway's rhetorical resources were not exhausted.

"What was this so-called high-class music which certain members apparently desired to be taught in the Board Schools? 'The honeysuckle and the bee'—(screams of laughter)—'The horse the missis dries the clothes on'—(roars)—'You can get a sweetheart any day, but not another mother'—(the House shook)—'The Boers have got my daddy'—(peals of merriment)—'Looping the loop with Lucy.' (Mr. Galloway was unable to proceed for some minutes, thus further lengthening his oration.)

## Eight Hours Bill Talked Out.

At last the Speaker left the chair to take his accustomed "chop," and brought Mr. Galloway's speech to a temporary close.

At three o'clock Mr. Galloway was on his feet again, and it was nearly five before Mr. Osmond Williams was able to move the second reading of the Mines (Eight Hours) Bill, the obstruction and destruction of which was mainly responsible for all the eloquence to which the House had so far listened.

The Musical Copyright Bill had, however, been read a second time.

## SAHARAN WHOLE-HOGGER.

Lebaudy's Governor-General a  
Would-be M.P.

Hearing that Colonel Gouraud, the indefatigable Governor-General of Sahara, was putting up for the Brighton Town Council, a *Daily Illustrated Mirror* representative sought an interview with him.

"The Town Council," said Colonel Gouraud, "is only a beginning. I am going into Imperial politics."

"In response to many requests from friends, neighbours, townsmen, and bath-chair proprietors I have decided to offer myself for election against Sir Edward Clarke, and undoubtedly shall succeed."

"I have already written to Mr. Balfour, informing him of my intention to ship aboard the ship of state, so ably commanded by himself."

"Then you are in favour of protection, Colonel?"

"I'm a whole hogger, sir. No little piggers for me."

## MUCH NEWS IN FEW WORDS.

Interesting and Curious Happenings from Many Sources.

Lord Shand is reported to be in a grave condition.

Switzerland has complained of the delays of Italy in negotiating the new commercial treaty.

Admiral Sir E. Seymour, commander-in-chief at Devonport, yesterday entertained the officers of the German Emperor's yacht Hohenzollern.

Business of the War Office (Reconstitution) Committee will in future be transacted at 1, Chapel-place, Delahay-street, W.

In an action brought by the Corporation of Swansea for a declaration of their rights against the Swansea Tramways Company, Mr. Justice Buckley yesterday decided that the corporation

not to clash with Mr. Tree's matinee at His Majesty's, in aid of the National Hospital for Paralytics and Epileptics.

One hundred thousand men has been fixed as the establishment of the Spanish Army by the Budget Committee of the Chamber.

R. F. and H. L. Doherty, amateur lawn-tennis champions, will take part in the covered-courts lawn-tennis championships at Queen's Club in April.

Major the Hon. Henry J. Anson, of the 2nd Highland Infantry, was found yesterday shot in the head with a revolver in his dressing-room, at his residence, Joanville, St. Heliers. It appeared

## PARCEL TUBES.

Suggested Ninety Miles' Service for London and Suburbs.

"London's congested traffic problem," declared Col. Crompton, before the Royal Commission yesterday, "is to be solved by a comprehensive system of pneumatic tubes for the dispatch of light parcels and letters."

Within the more densely populated metropolitan area there are approximately 5,000,000 people, who are responsible annually for 80,000,000 parcels and letters. For these 5,000 carts and 879 Royal Mail vans are required.

Vehicles in use in London streets number 15,073, of which 25 per cent. are used by Post Office and light parcel traffic.

During one hour 1,686 vehicles pass Half Moon-street, Piccadilly, 10 per cent. of which deal solely with small parcels and letters.

One thousand and thirty vehicles pass Marble

Arch during a busy hour, 10 per cent. of them carrying light articles.

Newgate-street holds the record, with 1,926 vehicles an hour, of which 20 per cent. might be dispensed with if a pneumatic tube service were instituted.

By using a compulsion system of 12-inch pneumatic tubes connecting all the district post-offices and railway stations, and searching all parts of London, much of the traffic could be abolished.

Tube transmission has been established for eleven years in America, and has done much to reduce the traffic in the streets.

Some details concerning the proposed new service were gathered by a *Daily Illustrated Mirror* representative. Starting from a central station at the General Post Office ninety miles of London will be equipped with 12-inch pneumatic tubes. In the City and the busy commercial and shopping districts three double lines of tubes will have a continuous six seconds' service, but outlying districts, such as Holloway, Stratford, Wimbledon, and Shepherd's Bush, will be adequately served by a single tube each way.

Two million two hundred and fifty thousand pounds will meet the cost of equipment, and the work could be completed within eighteen months.

At present, as Londoners know to their cost, it takes a letter about three hours at the least to travel from one metropolitan district to another. The cost of an express messenger averages about 7d. for all messages during a year. With the tube the time from one end of London to the other for a letter or parcel would be between twelve and eighteen minutes, and the cost would be about 3d.

Receiving and delivering stations, of which there would be 150, will be situated at every 300 yards, and tricycle messengers will be in attendance to deliver parcels and letters to their consignees.

Dépôts, in addition, are to be established at all the large stores and shops, so that a lady in future will be enabled to do her shopping comfortably, without leaving her own door.

Although no official decision has yet been arrived at, the Postmaster-General is favourable to the proposal, and the Government may adopt the system in conjunction with an English syndicate.

## SNOWBOUND BRITAIN.

Scotland Turned into a Mock Siberia.

Snow has tried to fall in London the last two days without overmuch success. In the country it has come and stayed. Scotland, by all accounts, is now a veritable Siberia, and the fall of flakes is still persisting. Roads are rapidly becoming impassable, and shepherds are fearing for their flocks, many of which have not been secured in sheltered folds.

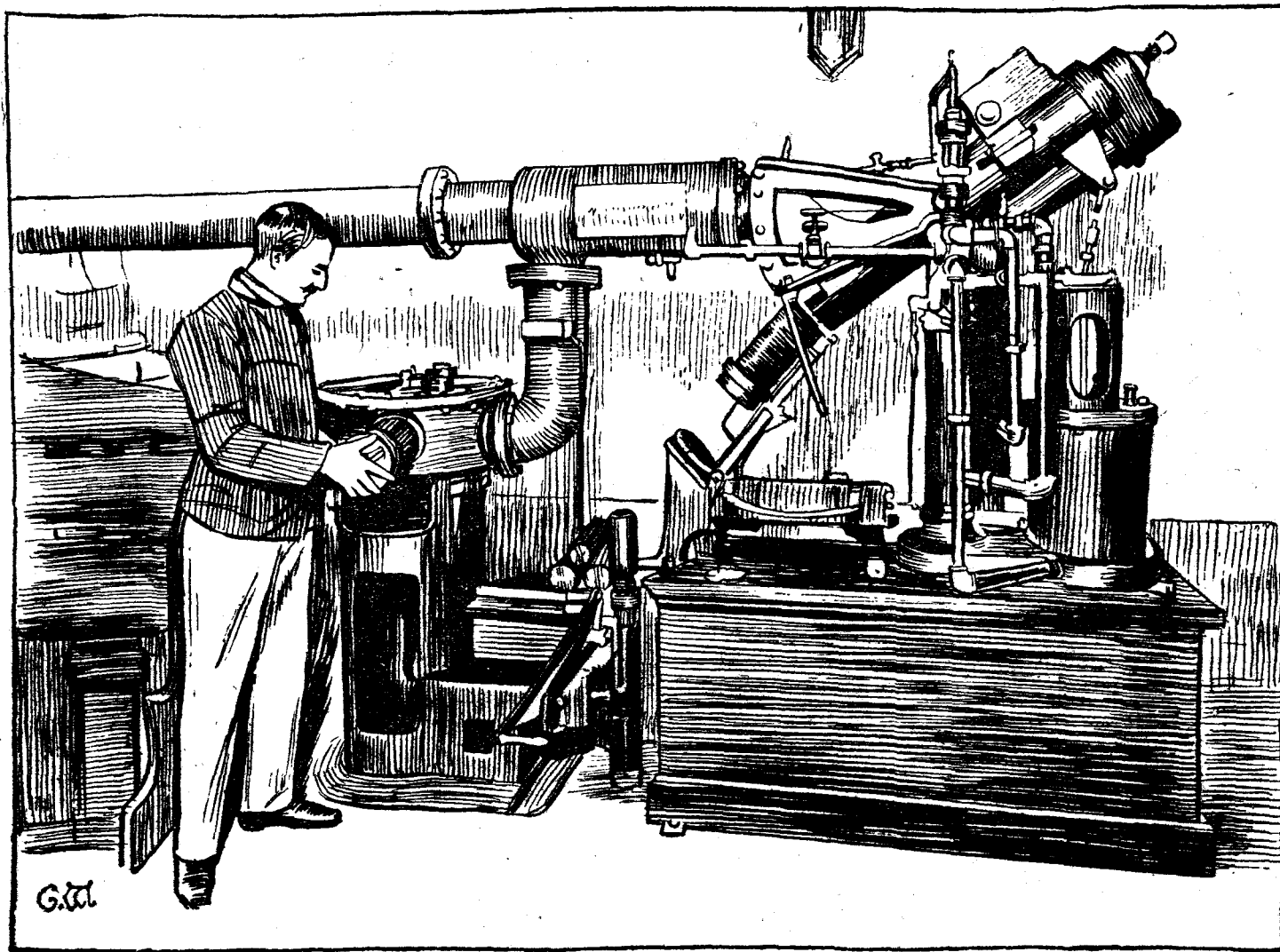
In Cheshire and Staffordshire the snow is inches deep, hunting has been stopped, and the snowfall continues without cease.

## WATCH THIS PROPHECY.

Mr. Hugh Clements, the weather prophet, has issued his forecast for March. He anticipates windy, unsettled, and wet weather from the 1st to the 5th; on the 8th the barometer will be high, and it will be fine for a few days. About the 15th we must expect a low barometer again, and, after a slight rise, it will fall between the 20th and 21st. Recovery about the 24th will be followed by a further depression on the 28th and 29th, but the end of the month will be fine.

Melbourne Chamber of Commerce has passed a resolution urging the British Government to adopt the metric system of weights and measures.

## HOW PARCELS ARE SENT IN AMERICA.



This picture shows the end of one of the pneumatic tubes by which parcels are dispatched and received in Philadelphia, U.S.A. It is proposed to arrange a similar service for London.

can only purchase the tramways in four sections—the first section in 1906, when it has to grant the company a lease for twenty-one years, the method respecting the other sections to cover a similar period—a total of eighty-four years.

King Alfonso will probably visit the Spanish possessions on the North African coast in the spring.

Mr. Gerald Loder, M.P., senior member for Brighton, and Lady Louise Loder are expected home from South Africa next week.

Demonstrations continue to take place outside the Cortes buildings at Madrid in favour of the Republican deputies.

Public-houses are to close in Glasgow at ten o'clock. The announcement will be made at the Licensing Sessions in April.

Lahore advices state it is not now regarded as practicable for Lord Curzon to leave India as previously arranged.

Mr. Murray Carson has postponed the production of "When a Man's Married," at Wyndham's Theatre, from Tuesday to Thursday next, so as

he had been unwell for some time. He was forty-five years of age.

Harry Houdini, the "Handcuff King," appears at the Hippodrome on Monday next.

St. Gothard railway is to be purchased by the Swiss Federal Council on behalf of the State.

Ratifications of the Panama Canal Treaty have been exchanged by Mr. Hay and the Panama Minister.

Killed by popularity is the epitaph of the Brighton Stock Exchange walk. It has been found impossible to avoid the inconvenience caused to the public by the crowds, and the event is abandoned—at any rate, for the present.

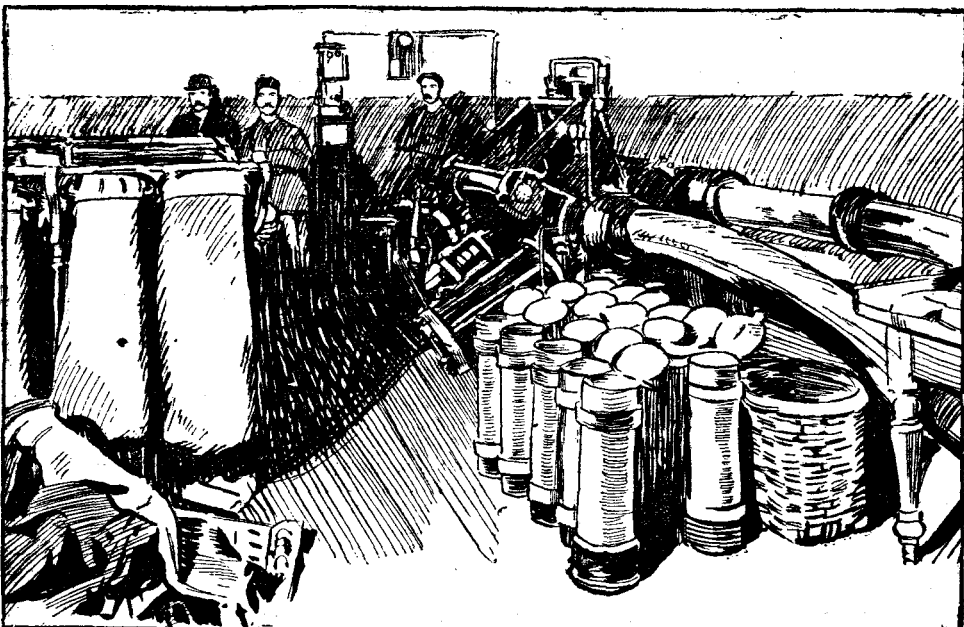
Distress in Manchester is reaching alarming proportions and has got beyond the capacity of the various labour bureaux which are trying to cope with the unemployed problem. A town's meeting is to be called to grapple with the difficulty.

According to "Motor Illustrated," a motor Leap Year ball is about to take place. It is said that the gentlemen all receive "favours" from their partners in the shape of model little motor-cars which are inkstands in disguise.

## AN OLD "SPORT" REVIVED.



Cock-fighting has been revived in Cumberland during the past week. A number of fights have taken place, but the utmost secrecy is observed. The fighting birds are armed with steel spurs about two inches long.



The letters and parcels to be sent by the pneumatic delivery tubes are placed in the large cartridge-like cases and forced by compressed air through the tubes.

# JAPAN LANDS TROOPS ON RUSSIAN GROUND.



The Japanese have invaded Russian Manchuria, and have landed at Possiet Bay, about fifty miles south of Vladivostok and fifteen miles north of the boundary line between Manchuria and Korea. They are marching inland upon Kirin, which is in the centre of Manchuria, and have already reached Hun-chun, a town about thirty miles inland.

## Continued from Page 1.—HOW I DROPPED £100,000 ON THE "MIRROR."—By Alfred Harmsworth.

86,886—a fall in a week of 178,331. But a splendid reaction was in store. It set in on January 28, on which date the paper became the *Daily Illustrated Mirror*, founded upon the idea of giving the news in picture form for a halfpenny—something that had never yet been done. That the British public like pictures is evident. They want them not once a week but six times. They want pictures of news events and portraits of

the persons engaged in them the day after the news events happen. These are provided by the *Daily Illustrated Mirror*.

The *Daily Illustrated Mirror* has only just begun to succeed and grow. At present anyone would be rash who set a limit upon its development. It heralds a new era in journalism, and one whose success shows that the public are always ready to support what is good.

## A £10 CIRCULATION PRIZE.

This Sum Will Be Given to the Reader Who Accurately Estimates "Mirror" Sales.

We publish to-day a complete record of our circulation for ninety-nine numbers. Readers of a mathematical frame of mind should be able to figure out the rates of our growth, and give a rather accurate estimate of what our circulation will be on Wednesday next.

To the reader who comes nearest to the actual circulation we will give a £10 note. Every reader is allowed as many estimates as he likes, but each estimate must be made upon the accompanying form, and reach the *Daily Illustrated Mirror* office by Tuesday before midday.

## CERTIFICATE OF CIRCULATION.

Showing the Sudden Demand for the "Mirror" After It Was Illustrated and Dropped to a Halfpenny.

31 and 32, Broad Street-avenue, E.C., 26th February, 1904.

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"	27	29,382

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January	1	29,098
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"	10	26,451
"	11	26,605
"	12	26,555
"	13	26,317
"	14	26,134
"	15	25,879
"	16	25,714
"	17	25,633
"	18	25,463
"	19	25,226
"	20	24,885
"	21	24,728
"	22	24,523
"	23	24,801

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January	28	71,690
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## "MIRROR'S" SUCCESS CREATES ALARM.

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The rise of the *Daily Illustrated Mirror* formed the text for some interesting comments by Sir William Ingram, at the meeting yesterday of his company, the "Illustrated London News and Sketch, Ltd."

Speaking from thirty-four years' experience in the newspaper business, Sir William said he did not think he could remember any one year to compare with that covered by the report ending December last. His company was distributing to the ordinary shareholders a dividend of six per cent. for the year, or one per cent. less than on the previous occasion. It was the result of the period of great depression last year. The hundreds of millions expended on the Boer war had made its influence felt all round.

A shareholder said he supposed that there was no truth in the remark that the "Illustrated London News" would have to be published at a halfpenny and the "Sketch" done away with entirely. He for his part had every confidence in the company. Sir William was also asked whether the

"Penny Illustrated Paper" would be affected by the *Daily Illustrated Mirror*.

In reply he said the question was difficult to answer. The proprietors of the *Mirror* were very clever and wonderful people. At one time it was thought impossible to give a penny paper for a halfpenny, but not only had they been able to do so, but they had caused other people to bring down the price to a halfpenny. It was satisfactory for him to tell them that the "Penny Illustrated Paper" had responded in a satisfactory way to the stirring events of the Far East. It was impossible to say what would be the result in the future, but he could only hope that it would not be so serious as the shareholders' question might indicate.

Had not the time come, asked another shareholder, when the "Illustrated London News" could be reduced from 6d. to 4d. or 3d.

Sir William said that he should be sorry even to contemplate the project which the shareholder had brought before them.

Prince Henry, the youngest son of Prince Henry of Prussia, died yesterday afternoon, aged four years.

Offices will be opened by the Cunard Steamship Company at Dover. This foreshadows this harbour being a regular port of call for their steamers.

# YESTERDAY'S LAW AND POLICE.

## BOARDING-HOUSE ROMANCE.

### Landlady's Breach of Promise Action Against Her Bank Clerk Lodger.

"Minnie" and "Minto"! There is a suggestion of undying devotion about the conjunction of the two names—a guarantee almost of fidelity to the death about the alliteration. Yet yesterday in the court presided over by Mr. Justice Phillimore, Minnie asked for damages from Minto for breach of promise of marriage.

"Minnie" is the term of endearment by which Miss Mary Annie Frances de Candia, of Ladbroke-square, Kensington, has up till recently been known to "Minto." "Minto" is the pet appellation by which Mr. Edward M. Oram, of Messrs. Parr's branch bank at Kensington, has up till recently been known to "Minnie." They became "Minnie" and "Minto" to one another under particularly sentimental circumstances, to wit, in the romantic atmosphere of a boarding-house.

When, some years ago, Minnie and her sister Nelly lost their father, who at one time was a wealthy shipowner of Cardiff, they came to Ladbroke-square, Kensington, and therein established a very select boarding-house for high-class paying guests. It was as a high-class paying guest that Minto took up his residence in the house in 1901.

Minto had at that date arrived at the time of life when a man is at his zenith for matrimonial purposes. He was thirty-two years of age, and his income was £150 a year. He was at once impressed by the charm of the younger of his two fair landladies, and Minnie in turn conceived a strong liking for the new boarder with the blonde moustache and fair hair.

#### Sunday Evening Strolls.

The natural result ensued. There were tête-à-tête visits to concerts; there were Sunday evening strolls to church. Ultimately, in January, 1902, there was a passionate declaration of love, and, a few days later, a ring.

The power and extent of Minto's love can be best gauged from the following letter, which, as counsel pathetically observed, was, by an unfortunate oversight, dated April the 1st.

"Now, darling," said the letter, "this is my first love-letter. I cannot find words for my love. It is of such a lasting" (here a word was accidentally omitted in the writer's ardent haste) "and of such a depth that no vocabulary could express it."

The only objection that could be urged against the lasting — and the depth of Minto's love, so Mr. Compton, Minnie's counsel, pointed out, was that it went a little too far in its ardour. It contracted a violent jealousy for Minto's fellow-boarders. Minto felt violent pangs of jealous emotion when Minnie passed the eggs to somebody else, and he could not bear to see the hand that wore his ring pour out some other man's coffee.

Two gentlemen above all others he hated to pay attention to Minnie. These gentlemen were referred to in court as "Mr. M." and "Mr. C."

When Minto went away to Scarborough for a holiday he spent a very uncomfortable time thinking of what might be happening in the boarding-house in his absence, and he wrote to Minnie as follows:

"It isn't because I don't trust you, but some men are so persistent in admiring other men's girls. I think we had better go away together in the future. I do wish you were here so that I could squeeze you."

#### Jealousy Leads to Quarrels.

Minto's jealousy at length led to quarrels. On one occasion Minnie took off her ring and flung it down. Then there was a reconciliation. On another occasion Minto heard Minnie whispering to an imaginary gentleman in the passage, and there was another quarrel and another reconciliation. On another occasion, on a Good Friday, Minnie and her sister went to church with "Mr. C." and there was another quarrel and another reconciliation. In fact, the courtship was one long alternation of quarrels and reconciliations.

At last there came a quarrel that was not attended by a reconciliation, at least, so Minto says.

It came about in this way. Minto and Minnie were in the garden at Ladbroke-square. Minto had had a little misunderstanding with Minnie, and he said to her, "You won't deceive me again, Minnie?" Minnie replied (it should be stated that this is Minto's version of the conversation), "No! no! I'll never tell you a lie again, Minto."

#### Exacting Test.

Then Minto said, "I'll put you to a severe test. I know ladies never like to give their correct ages. Were you telling me the truth when you said you were only thirty-nine years old?" In answer Minnie whispered, "Minto, dearest, I could never tell you a lie. I am only thirty-nine years of age."

"I am very sorry, but I cannot believe you," retorted Minto.

And so Minnie and Minto find themselves plaintiff and defendant in a breach of promise case, which case Mr. Justice Phillimore has arranged to conclude on Tuesday next.

#### MR. HOOLEY: SUMMONS REFUSED.

Mr. Kennedy, the Marlborough-street magistrate, yesterday declined to grant a summons against Mr. Hooley which Mr. Clem Edwards had applied for on behalf of Mr. Paine.

His Worship, in giving his decision, said he had come to the conclusion that there was not sufficient in the information to justify him in issuing a summons.

Incidentally the magistrate referred to the evidence of a young man, whose name was not mentioned, who, with £30 in the bank, drew bills and cheques to something like £100,000, and, according to his own confession, entered into a conspiracy.

Mr. Edwards intimated that he should proceed by mandamus.

Mr. Kettle, the Greenwich magistrate, again adjourned the hearing of the summonses against a police-sergeant and two constables for alleged perjury in connection with the prosecution of a man named Taylor on charges of street betting.

## MR. LUCY HAS TO PAY HIS COSTS.

### Judge Thinks a Verdict for Mr. Wilkins Would Have Been More Correct.

Before Mr. Justice Wills, in the High Court yesterday, an application was made by counsel on behalf of Mr. A. B. Lucy, the theological student who had obtained one farthing damage in his action for libel and slander against Mr. E. H. Wilkins, of Croydon, that judgment should be entered for the plaintiff with costs.

Mr. Blake Odgers said while the plaintiff was entitled to judgment on the slanders.

Mr. Justice Wills said he thought himself that a more correct verdict would have been one for the defendant. It was quite clear the jury thought that, though the defendant had somewhat kicked over the traces in saying rather more than he ought to have done, the plaintiff's conduct disentitled him to damages.

Mr. Chambers, for plaintiff, said this was a case in which the plaintiff ought to be awarded his costs. It differed materially from other cases in which it



"MINNIE."  
Miss Mary Frances de Candia, who keeps a boarding-house in Ladbroke-square, W., is suing "Minto" for breach of promise.

had been held that the award of a farthing damages was sufficient ground to justify the Court in depriving the plaintiff of his costs.

Mr. Justice Wills said he thought he ought to give a certificate depriving the plaintiff of his costs.

#### INNOCENT OFFENDERS.

Application was made in the High Court yesterday for a certificate relieving Dr. Miller and Mr. W. H. Key, two candidates for the London County Council, and two other persons of any penalties to which they might have rendered themselves liable.

Counsel explained that the candidates quite innocently rented a room over a sweetstuff shop in High-street, Stoke Newington, and as soon as it was suggested there had been an infringement of the statute, the room was closed. The step was taken in ignorance of the law.

Mr. Justice Wills, in granting the relief asked for, said it must not be supposed that, because the Court had acceded to the application, they in any way excused what had been done.

#### MARYLBONE'S DIFFICULTY.

There was a further stage reached yesterday in the difficulty arising out of the statutory power granted to the Marylebone Borough Council to purchase the part of the undertaking of the Metropolitan Electric Supply Company (Limited), which is within the borough, for £1,212,000. The council applied to Mr. Justice Buckley in the Chancery Division for an extension of time in which to complete the purchase. His Lordship extended the time for the completion of the purchase till April 30, on condition that the council found £15,000 to meet the capital expenditure.

## JUMPER'S DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

### "Champion of the World" Summoned for Desertion.

John Higgins, the professional jumper, who lays claim to the title of "champion jumper of the world," was defendant yesterday in Blackburn Police Court in a summons brought against him by his wife for desertion.

Mrs. Higgins stated that her husband earned from £25 to £40 a week, but sent her and her three children so little that at times they had been dependent on parish relief.

Last November she went to London to live with him. But he picked a quarrel with her, and she had to return to Blackburn.

"When I asked him 'What game are you playing?' he replied, 'Here's a sovereign for you.'" (Laughter.)

"Do you know he jumped twelve months for nothing in Spain, having been defrauded of his earnings?" Mrs. Higgins was asked in cross-examination.

"I never heard it," she replied. "But I know that he has stolen my eldest boy from me."

Higgins said the eldest boy was living with him, and he was prepared to keep his family. But it was no use sending money to his wife.

"My deeds speak louder than my words, and always have done," he added.

An order for Higgins to pay his wife 30s. a week, and allow her the custody of the children, was made.

#### DISPUTE OVER WAR MAPS.

In the Chancery Division, before Mr. Justice Byrne yesterday, in the case George Philip and Son, Limited, v. Jowett and Sowry, Leeds, Mr. Cave, K.C., appearing for the plaintiffs, moved for an injunction to restrain defendants from publishing and printing copies of the plaintiffs' map called the Russo-Japanese War Map, a colourable imitation of the plaintiffs' maps known as the Special War Map of China and Japan, registered at Stationers' Hall, and the "Daily Mail"



"MINTO."  
Mr. Edward M. Oram is being sued by "Minnie," who claims damages for breach of promise.

Special War Map of the Far East, also registered. The writ also asked for damages and delivery up of all copies of the defendants' maps.

His lordship, though admitting that resemblances gave reason for grave suspicion, said he was extremely unwilling to grant an injunction on resemblances of documents, because there might be other documents than the plaintiffs' maps from which the resemblances might have been taken. He directed the motion to stand for Friday.

#### HIDDEN TREASURE APPLICATION.

In a King's Bench Divisional Court yesterday application was made on behalf of the Newspaper Syndicate, Ltd., London (proprietors of the "Weekly Dispatch"), for a writ of prohibition against the Petty Sessions Court of Manchester, which had inflicted fines arising out of the hunting for "hidden treasure" medallions.

Mr. Justice Wills, observing that it was clear the question ought to be discussed, granted the application.

## BOUVERIE-ST. APPRENTICES.

### Evidence from the Pupil Who Complained of Having No Work To Do.

Mr. Justice Darling and a common jury yesterday concluded the hearing of an action brought by Mr. A. W. Marshall to recover from Mr. John Henry Lock, engineer, of Temple-chambers, Bouverie-street, E.C., £70, being the premium and other money paid for binding his son as an apprentice to the defendant.

The son, Mr. Alfred Harold Marshall, stated in his evidence that when he went to the defendant's premises in Bouverie-street he found there was nothing to do. There was one engineer, who employed his time in smoking, and a blacksmith, who heated pieces of iron for the pupils to hammer at. Another apprentice told the Court that during the fourteen months he was at the place the only order he saw dealt with was when a small boy brought his hoop to be mended. The boy came back the next morning because the parts had parted again.

#### Mr. Lock's Record.

Mr. John Henry Lock, the defendant, said he had been an engineer for twenty-seven years, having been apprenticed with the North London Railway Locomotive works. He was afterwards employed by the L. and N.W. Railway Company, by a large firm of Government contractors, and was superintendent of the Crystal Palace Company's School of Engineering.

When he started his business of training young men he took in general work, but conceiving that it would be more beneficial for the pupils to be taught the construction of engines and dynamos from start to finish he ceased to take in orders.

Since Marshall came he had built two large compound engines, four smaller ones, two dynamos, and an electrical motor.

Plaintiff had said he wanted to get his son something better than an apprenticeship, and he accepted him as an assistant. There was no question of teaching him anything. Young Marshall was an excellent draughtsman, but it was his character that was wrong. (Laughter.)

Mr. Justice Darling: Many fine artists have that weakness. (Laughter.)

Referring to a statement by one of the pupils that he did not know he was working on a compound-engine, witness said, "I don't want to make family reflections. I could give him the work to do, but only God could give him the sense to do it."

Mr. Justice Darling: That is something like what Dr. Johnson said when he remarked, "I have found you the reason, but I cannot give you the capacity to understand it."

#### Perfectly Satisfied.

S. L. Stern, one of defendant's pupils, who paid one hundred guineas for three years' training, said he was perfectly satisfied with the teaching he was getting.

About a dozen more pupils were called, all of whom expressed their entire satisfaction with the works and what they were learning.

Mr. Bray, in addressing the jury, said that young Marshall was a gilded specimen of the modern "idle prentice." He came to the works at 11.30, left at one for dinner, returned at four, and left at five for tea. It was a job in a Government office he wanted. (Laughter.)

The jury found for the plaintiff for the amount claimed, and judgment was entered accordingly, with costs.

A stay of execution, on the ground that the verdict was against the weight of evidence, was granted on the understanding that £70 should be paid into court.

#### SCARED BY A MONKEY.

Caroline Hooker, a laundress, of Shoreham, at Brighton County Court yesterday brought an action against a gentleman, Alfred Robertson, for £20 damages for personal injuries sustained through being frightened by defendant's monkey.

She said the monkey escaped from Mr. Robertson's yacht in the harbour, and got into her house. When she went upstairs it leapt off a bed and so terrified her that she dropped a lot of clean clothes she was carrying and fell downstairs.

It was said for the defence that the animal had been brought from the West Indies, and was a very small, tame creature. It was suggested that it fled to plaintiff's house for refuge from some boys.

The jury found for plaintiff, awarding £14 17s., but his Honour reserved judgment.

#### CROYDON AND LONDON'S WATER.

After disposing of the claim in connection with the Croydon Corporation, the Metropolitan Water Arbitration Court yesterday adjourned sine die. The claim before the court was one made by the Water Board against the Croydon Corporation in respect of the transfer of part of the Lambeth Waterworks to the latter authority.

An agreement had been arrived at between the parties, and the arbitrators made their award upon that basis. The court decided that the corporation should pay the Board £225,810 in respect of the transfer of mains and the loss of the right of supply, the transfer to take place on June 24.

#### LIVING PIANOS.

Voiceless pianos are transformed into a source of the keenest delight by the pianola and made accessible to every member of a family without any previous knowledge of music.

Next week an exceptional opportunity is afforded music-lovers to obtain one of these fascinating instruments at a minimum cost by a sale at Aeolian Hall, 135-7, New Bond-street.

George Morrell, twenty-seven, charged at West London Police Court yesterday with stealing 8s. 6d. from a contribution box at the Carmelite Church, Kensington, was sentenced to three months' hard labour. The prisoner was found kneeling by the side of the box. Close at hand was a piece of whalebone covered with a sticky substance.

## Full of Pictures.

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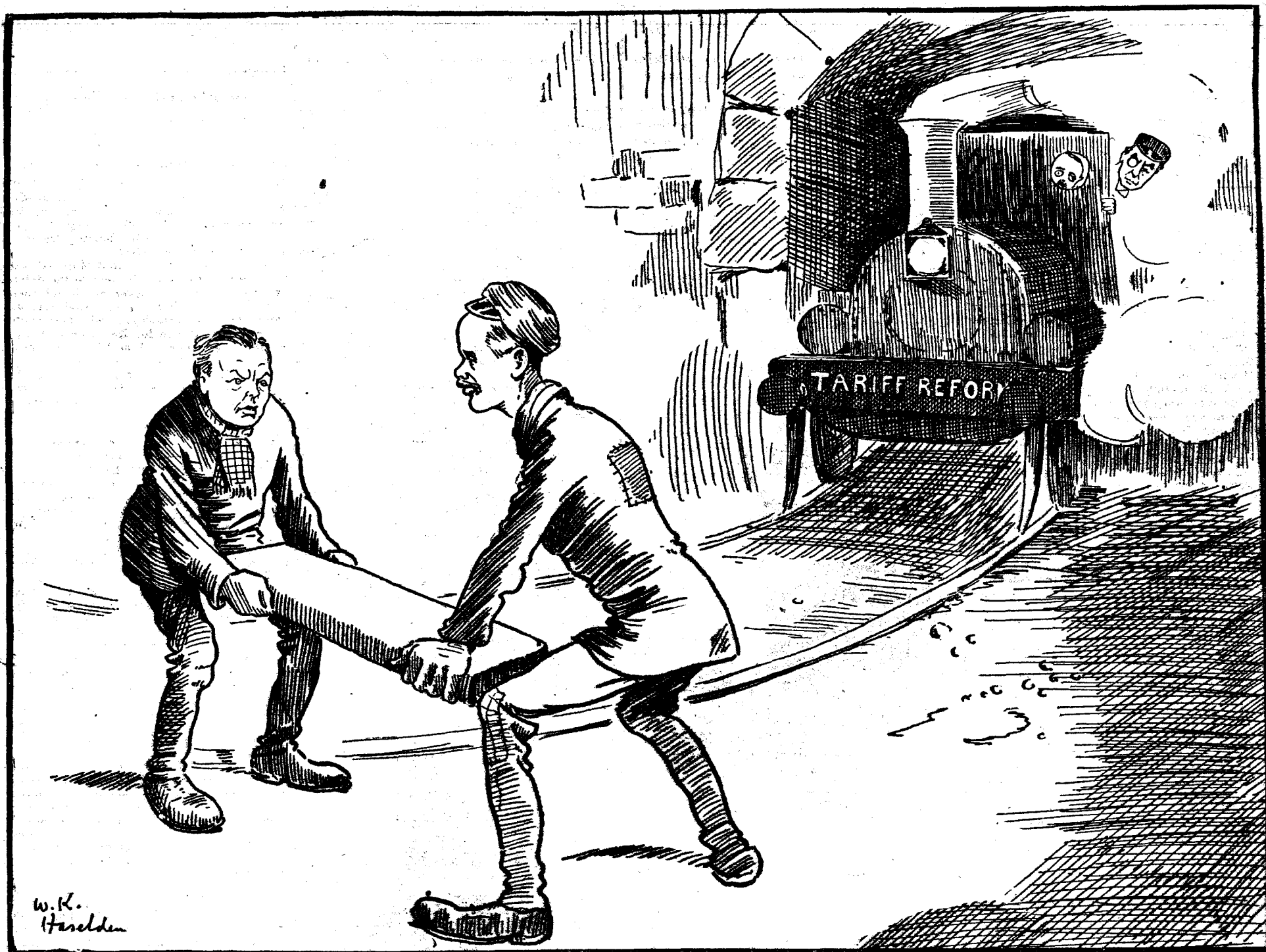
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## THE DIARY OF THE WAR IN PHOTOGRAPHS.

A REMARKABLE  
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# POLITICAL CHUNCHUSES ATTACK THE BALFOUR LINE.



The Manchurian Railway operated by the Russians is in most danger from independent warriors, who blow it up with bombs. These warriors, like the politicians who attack the English Government, owe allegiance to no particular flag. They belong to one party and vote with another.

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## FEELING THE STRAIN.

The details we publish this morning as to the enormous success which the *Daily Illustrated Mirror* has achieved already—a success unprecedented in the history of journalism—would be enough by themselves to convince the public that a new element has entered into the world of newspapers. But it so happens that on this very morning we are able to print also a remarkable testimony to our influence from an outside source which is quite unprejudiced in our favour.

At the meeting yesterday of the company which owns the "Illustrated London News" and the "Sketch" there was much talk of the *Daily Illustrated Mirror*. The chairman of the company naturally did his best to convince shareholders that they had little to fear from the new competition. But even he had to admit that anything might happen. The fact is, as we have pointed out, readers of the *Daily Illustrated Mirror* get all that is best in the daily papers and all that is best in the weekly illustrated papers as well. Photographs and sketches of current news topics appear in our pages long before the weekly papers can print them, and in far greater quantity. So it is no wonder that the weeklies should be feeling the strain.

If, instead of paying sixpence for a weekly and buying a daily paper as well, the public can get what they like better—a combination of daily and weekly—for threepence a week, it would be surprising if they did not take advantage of the opportunity offered to them.

## THE ABUSE OF THE LAW.

The play called, in English, "The Arm of the Law," which is running at the Garrick Theatre, was written by its French author as a protest against the scandalous and inhuman manner in which examining magistrates treat witnesses and accused persons in France. It shows how a woman may suddenly have some long-past incident raked up to her discredit, although it has nothing whatever to do with the case in hand. The trial of the libel action, "Lucy v. Wilkins," in which a foolish chrysalis curate has been awarded a farthing damages against a man who objected to his wife philandering, and said so with some force, reminds us that this kind of abuse is by no means unknown in this country.

When the aggrieved husband was under cross-examination, the name of a lady who had no connection with the case was most unjustifiably dragged in. There appears to have been no ground for suggesting that Mr. Wilkins's relations with her had deviated in the very least from strict propriety. Yet her name was mentioned by counsel in a most offensive way; the theatre at which she is engaged was spoken of also; and her quite innocent conduct was set in the most equivocal light. Such outrages as this ought not to be permitted. It is inevitable that there should be barristers who will overstep any limit in their anxiety to secure verdicts, but it is monstrous that they should be allowed to besmirch the character of anyone not before the Court without the risk of being proceeded against for slander themselves.

## BREAKFAST TABLE TALK.

Japan has received another staggering blow. The Tsar has issued a manifesto to his army.

An especial delight of the Japanese, says a contemporary, is to be slowly boiled in a bath. Probably they think they are doing the Russians at Port Arthur a kindness by keeping them perpetually in hot water.

A man just sentenced to death in Paris is looking forward to a reprieve on the ground that there is now no place of execution. It is doubtful whether such a place will now be provided, owing to the difficulty of finding a

murder that does not bristle with "extenuating circumstances" which lead to a mitigation of the capital sentence.

The Crichton Club, Covent-garden, is about to be closed, the premises and fittings having been purchased by Japanese residents in London. The yellow invasion of which we hear so much has already commenced.

During the hearing of a case in the High Court yesterday the judge asked, "Are people given to use exaggerated language in 'Bouverie-street'?" Really, the "Daily News" ought to demand his Lordship's removal from the Bench.

Annoyed by the evasive tactics adopted by the keyhole a Tottenham man kicked his front door so vigorously that a crowd collected, and he was arrested. At the police court it was successfully argued that the front step is part of an Englishman's castle, and he may do as he pleases with his own portcullis.

In housework (though it may be less entertaining than hockey) a girl should be able to obtain all the muscular exercise that is good for her. It is the work most suitable for girls, says "Chic," and as a health-giving exercise is vastly superior to tennis, golf, cycling, and the more ornamental pastimes in general.

Tennis and hockey are terrible rot.

Girls, if you wish to enjoy yourselves, scrubbing and washing and cooking are what you should take up to employ yourselves. Down on your knees with the brush and the pail. Colour will come to the fragile and frail. If she be weary the thought quickly checks her sighs.

"This is magnificent muscular exercise." Work in the home makes you cheerful and gay.

Light is the labour where many serve. Better to slave, though, than fritter away time in acquiring a tennis serve.

Take up your stand by the froth in the tub; Sing while you merrily lather and rub.

"Let those who will waste their time in frivolity, Household employment begets the most jollity."

Hockey, you say, brings the rose to your cheek. Lay by your clubs and accoutrement.

Try standing over the fire for a week, Cooking the family nutriment.

It is a scandal, a sin, and a shame When a girl plays at a masculine game. Think while you labour, "Athletics are vanity, Here I am doing some good to humanity!"

Mr. Sydney Buxton's Bill amending the Wild Birds' Protection Act will have no effect on the wild-goose chases of which his party is so fond.

# THE GUARANTEED CIRCULATION OF "THE DAILY ILL"

## "SAKE."

### Fascinating Japanese Wine Finds Favour in London.

We are very Japanese just now, even to our drinks, and West End restaurant-keepers have found themselves under the necessity of providing

#### JAPAN'S FUTURE EMPEROR.



Prince Michi-no-Miya, the eldest son of the Crown Prince of Japan. He was born on April 29, 1901, and will one day be the ruler of Japan.

the celebrated Japanese drink "saké" for their customers.

It looks as harmless as lemonade, this pale, sherry-coloured drink, and he who has had one small wineglass soon finds its fascination and longs for another sip, but then woe betide him, for it speedily mounts to the head.

Of the most alluring flavour "saké" is made from rice, and is taken in very small quantities by the

#### THE MIKADO'S GRANDSON.



Prince Atsu-no-muja, the second son of Prince Yoshihito, the heir apparent of Japan. He was born on June 25, 1902.

wary Japanese. For inducing Dutch courage it is without an equal in the world, and many a Jap who has shrunk from hari-kari has, after a sip, found the courage to dispatch himself.

#### ZOOLOTER ROOSEVELT.

During the past two years so many gifts of animals have arrived in New York for President

Roosevelt that he could easily have established an interesting private menagerie.

Our own correspondent cables us that his latest presents are two young lions from King Menelik

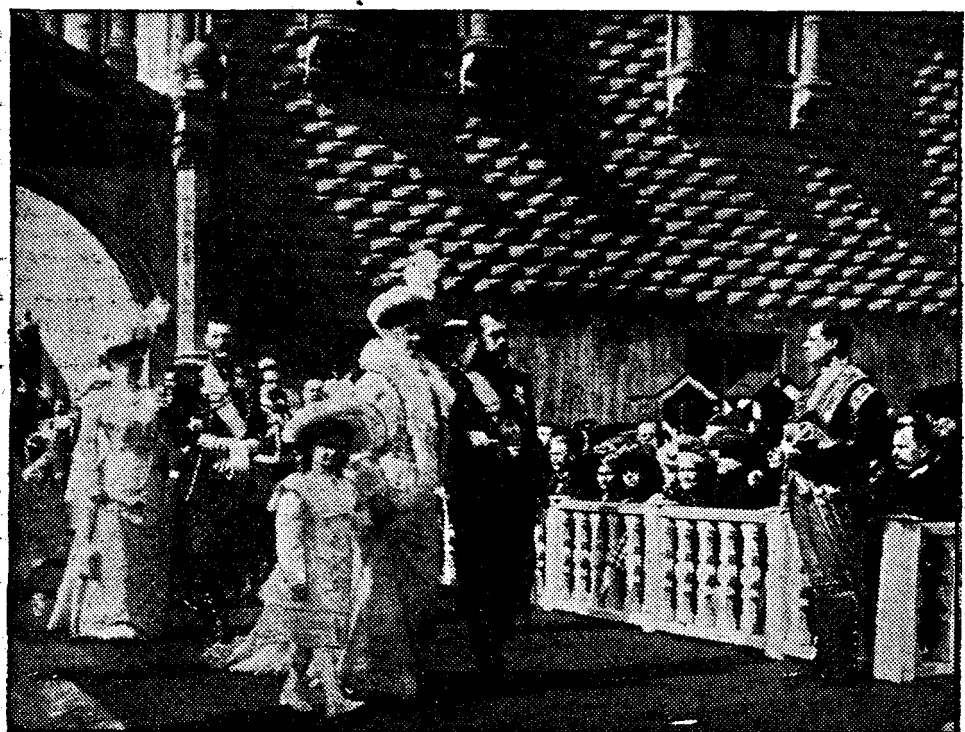
of Abyssinia, sent through the American Consul-General at Marseilles, who recently visited Abyssinia to negotiate a preferential trade treaty.

King Menelik received the American party in magnificent state, surrounded by three thousand Ethiopian soldiers in gorgeous silks and satins with lion and leopard skin mantles and gold and

silver plated bucklers. All the American officers and marines were presented with medals.

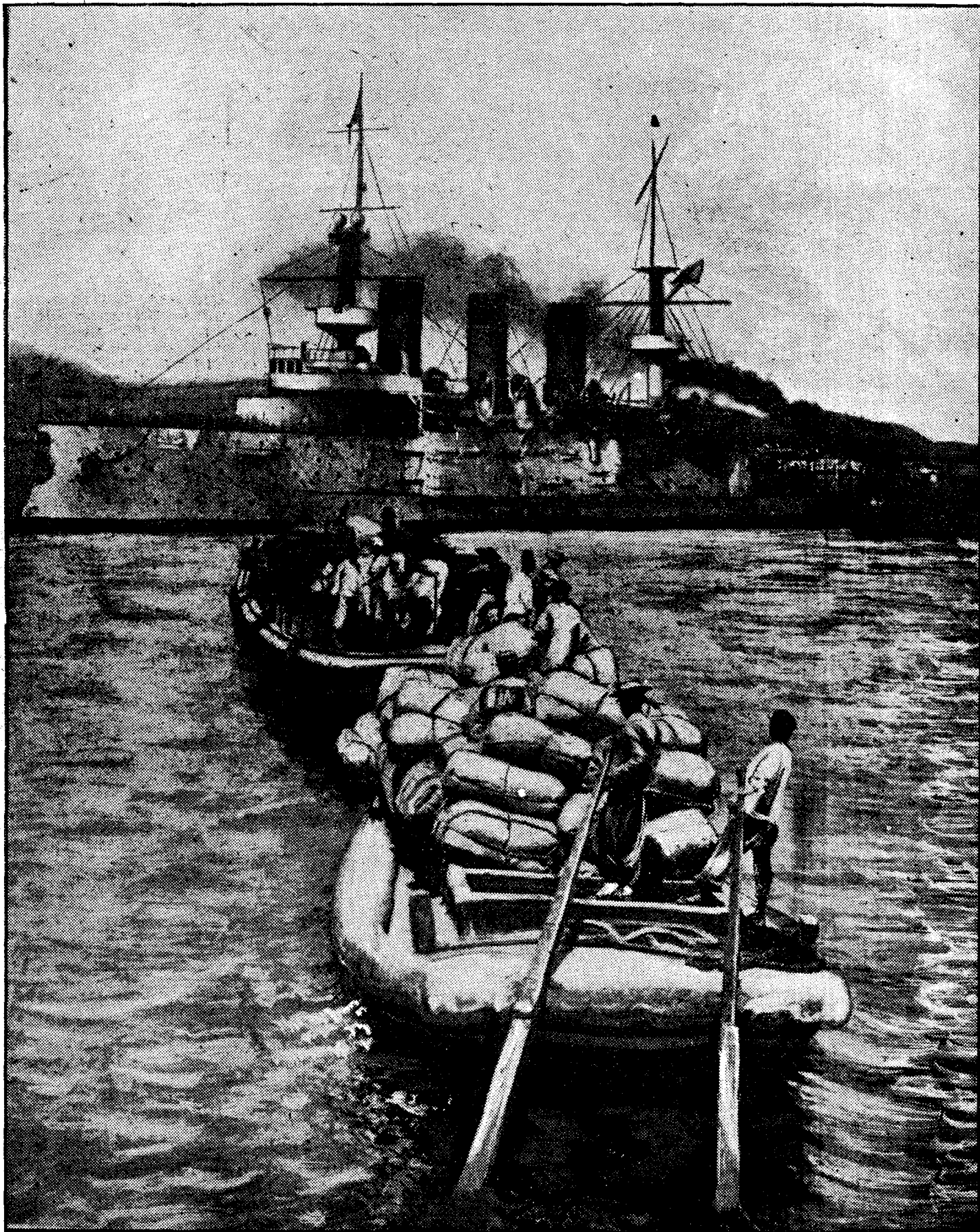
In Martley Workhouse, Worcestershire, yesterday, Mrs. Quarterly, for a long time past an inmate, died at the age of 102.

#### THE TSAR OF ALL THE RUSSIAS.



In spite of the belief to the contrary, the Tsar is not always surrounded by guards. The "Little Father" is here accompanied by the Grand Duchess Olga, his eldest daughter, aged nine.

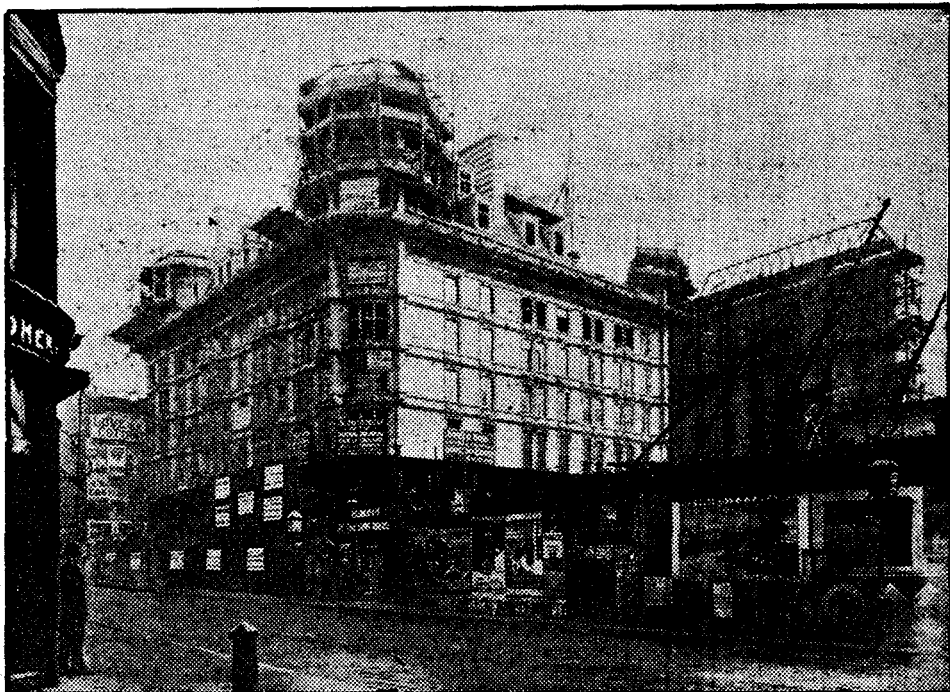
#### PROVISIONING RUSSIA'S FLEET.



In the Far East, warships are coaled and provisioned from heavy flat-bottom craft of large carrying capacity. This photograph shows a Russian cruiser at Port Arthur taking stores on board. The far boat is loaded with live cattle.

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#### A STRAND IMPROVEMENT.



The Savoy Hotel has been enlarged, until it now stretches from the Thames Embankment to the Strand. The handsome new frontage on the Strand level is almost completed and the hoardings will soon be down.

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WHERE BALLET DANCERS ARE TRAINED.



Madame Cavalazzi Mapleson, the famous ex-dancer, begins with two of her pupils, who express in their dance the movement known as "Attitude." [Hana. Photo]

## SKIRTS AND ARABESQUES.

### Madame M. Cavalazzi Mapleson Discourses on Stage Dancing.

A long, low, whitewashed room, brilliantly lighted, with, at one end, a piano, vigorously and emphatically receiving its just punishment at the hands of a dark, little lady; at the other end the straight, energetic figure of a lady, with bright



Madame Cavalazzi Mapleson is one of the few teachers of the old school of Italian ballet dancing and gesture. She was once a famous dancer at the Empire Theatre. [Photo—Hana.]

eyes, dark, curly hair, and a voice that booms out in melodious harmony with the piano, "Un, deux, trois; change!" accompanied by rhythmic thumps on the wooden floor by a long stick, that bears a strong family resemblance to a broom-handle.

Between these two balancing ends of the long apartment flit girlish figures, clad in the traditional flesh-coloured tights and "umbrella skirts" of tarlatan that have been the regulation costume of the ballet dancer ever since the days when Fanny Ellsler flitted like thistledown upon the stage. The lithe, young figures pirouette and stand upon their toes, glisser and fall into "attitudes" and "arabesques," and always the thump of the stick marks time with the thump of the piano.

The scene of action is Madame Malvina Cavalazzi-Mapleson's "London Stage Academy," in Henrietta-street, Covent-garden, where the famous ex-première danseuse and mime teaches "the young idea" how to lay the foundation for something approaching that magnificent stage deportment and grace of which she has always been so notable an exponent.

The stick ceases its measured tap as Madame subsides into a straight-backed chair and prepares to give the busy feet a little rest:—

"Dear children, they are so anxious to please and so interested in their work; but dancing as it should be taught requires much patience, a good deal of endurance, and real enthusiasm.

"My own training begun when I was eight years old, and took six years, but a girl can become a very capable dancer in four years. Two of my little pupils here, for instance, Miss Josephine Fratelli, and Miss Daisy Paver, I consider really charming dancers, and one has been with me for four years and the other for more than three."

#### Wonderful Miss Wilson.

Madame Cavalazzi contends that the studies of dramatic gesture and dancing go hand in hand, and that the one is a necessary component part of the other. "Gesture," she says, "is the outcome of the dramatic sense that must to a certain extent be a matter of temperament and heart. I would give as an instance the really remarkable gift possessed by Miss Muriel Wilson, who came to me recently for some hints concerning the wordless play 'Namouna,' in which she played the chief part at the theatricals recently given before the King and Queen by the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire at Chatsworth. In addition to a strikingly beautiful face, Miss Wilson has the real feeling for her art, without which, in my opinion, no real artist can rise to anything approaching success. This is a view of the value of expression in acting in which I thoroughly agree with M. Victor Maurel, who, the other day in Paris, lectured before one of his classes on the necessity of the actor living in the character that he assumes for the time being.

"I remember when first I studied pantomime I was utterly discouraged by the ineffectual attempts



Madame Cavalazzi is here instructing her pupils how to keep the fifth position on the toes, a difficult posture which needs a good deal of practice. [Hana. Photo]

I seemed to make to express language by the eloquence of my gestures and the mobility of my face, but it was my former training undoubtedly that assisted me along a very difficult path which subsequently led to a good many triumphs at the Empire Theatre.

"When should girls begin to study dancing seriously, in my opinion? From eight to ten is

the ecclesiastical purple? Had London ladies suddenly become strict observers of the Church's seasons and forsworn bright raiment for a time?

It could scarcely be. But he traced the reason. An interview in a big West End shop elicited the fact that for once fashion was not responsible for this sudden craze for purple. "All shades of purple, mauve, and violet, have been 'out of fashion' for



The graceful young dancers are here shown performing "The Arabesque," a difficult movement close to the ground. [Hana. Photo]

the best time for them to begin. Then their little bones are supple, they have not begun to be too self-conscious, and they have not lost all the baby grace which is the gift of nature."

#### IN THE PURPLE.

Bunches of violets, purple costumes, toques composed of violets, mauve dresses, more violets, bewildered a *Daily Illustrated Mirror* representative, who wanted to know the reason. Was it on account of Lent that ladies were donning

some time," said the proprietor, "and all-violet toques have been 'out' for ages. Now they are back again and all the rage."

It is another even more potent factor in our existence to which the "purple robes" must be attributed; needless to say, the weather. The last few days have been fine; winter, with its dull, damp days, seems to have vanished with the first violets; so people are wearing them in encouragement, and while fearing to don the spring-like shades have subsided into purple, a hot entirely disinterested proceeding, for all shades of mauve, violet, and purple are eminently becoming to Englishwomen.



Another charming pose, which goes by the somewhat puzzling name of "The Crossed Arabesques." Madame Cavalazzi's pupils wear the old-fashioned gauze skirts which are always associated with the "Italian Ballet." [Hana. Photo]



Just a little practice for their own amusement while Madame Cavalazzi is away. A good dancer must love her profession if she is to succeed. [Hana. Photo]

# THE PATH OF THE PRODIGAL.

A Story of the "Never-Never Land."

By Wilson Barrett,

who is appearing this week at the Shakespeare Theatre, Clapham, and will appear next week at the King's Theatre, Hammersmith.

## CHAPTER XXXVIII. (continued).

Lady Walgrove heard this terrible accusation against the man she believed to be her son, and whom she loved as such, with great but varied and confused emotions. Not her son; could it be that Jack, her boy, the child she had lost for so long, was dead, and that this man, whom she had learned to love as her child, was an impostor? No; this stranger was lying. Yet, why did not Jack speak? Why did he not tell this man that it was false? This honest, unselfish, noble, manly fellow a fraud, an impostor—could she be so deceived?

Tom had entered, and had listened to Wolfe's accusation. Finding that Jack did not speak, he said, "Lady Walgrove," he cried, "that is partly true and partly false. Your son, when dying, begged of Jack to take his place, to save your life, he said—"

Sibyl moved towards Wolfe. On her the revelation had a complex effect, too. In firm, clear tones, she interposed, saying, "Let that man go. Let us know all the truth."

Wolfe did not hesitate. His game was up; his cause lost; but at least he would make the victors suffer. "He is a convicted thief," he said. "He was sentenced to three years for robbery at Sydney Assizes, in November, 1888."

Tom, flushed with indignation at Wolfe's heartlessness, and, full of pity for his friends, said, with much sincerity that his words rang with truth and conviction,

"Lady Walgrove—Miss Landale—I'm sorry to pain you, but you ask for the truth. I am able

earnestly at Lady Walgrove and Sibyl, and from them to Jack's pale face and deeply humiliated attitude. She had never seen her "knight" ashamed before. Her heart ached at the sight. She did not understand all his crime. At first she was fiercely resentful of the cause of Jack's humiliation, which she unjustly attributed, in a round-about way, to Landale, Lady Walgrove, and Sibyl. Why had Landale asked him to take his place? Why did these two strangers come between her and her knight?

Stepping forward a little, she said, in a low, tear-broken voice,

"Please, ladies, I know Jack done wrong this time, but 'e's never done wrong before. Don't yer send 'im away. He's the best man as ever lived. 'E worked for me farver, I mean, Mr. Landale, when 'e was too bad to work for hisself, nursed him when he was sick, an' kept him as sober as 'e could, when he got better. There never was a day as Mr. Landale didn't say as 'e was 'is guardian angel. An' so 'e was."

"Hush, Smudgee," whispered Jack.

"Yus, it allers is 'ush, 'ush, when anyone tells the truth about yer. Never lettin' people know the good yer does. Never yellin' out, as others do, at your own hurts. I don't care wot yer done about this blessed property—you're a true knight, after all, and you couldn't do a real wrong thing if you tried. I can't say any more, cos I'm choking, I think—but—I—I—I know yer!" And, breaking down utterly, she left the room, followed by Dan and Tom.

For a few minutes there was a silence in the room. Lady Walgrove was in a chair, with Sibyl at her feet. Presently Jack said softly:

"Lady Walgrove—Miss Landale, I cannot excuse

to God he had not died. Then came his accident, and his last request—almost a command—that I should come to you. Should I have let him die with his wish ungratified? I think so now. I did not think so then. The easy, reckless life we had led, the loose code of morals of those we associated with, had blunted the senses. It seemed that I was to do a great right by doing a little wrong; that, by the right I was doing in comforting you, I should more than wipe out the wrong of the deception I was practising.

"I saw, from the moment I met you and your daughter, that this was all sophistry, a mere juggling with the truth. It was then too late to draw back. Nor was my desire to serve my dying friend the only incentive that prevailed with me. Your letters aroused in me an almost unconquerable longing to go to you; to call you mother and to call Sibyl—sister; to know, for once, what a home was like; to have someone to care and work for; to have someone to care for me. Had I come to you as his friend, I might still have served you, honestly, proudly. I have never, as I told you, robbed you of a penny of your money. I have taken only the wages of a servant. But I have done worse than that. I have stolen your love. It has been a daily, hourly theft. Mean, thoughtless, heartless. I longed for it as a blessing. It became a torture. Every caress was a stab, every endearment a blow. If at times I forgot, and there were moments when I at least half persuaded myself that I had forgotten, the reawakening of memory was a redoubling of my pain. The more you both grew to love me the more I suffered, for I loved you both. How much you will never know. I shall love you always. You are the only mother I have ever known. 'Mother.' Do you know how sweet the word can be to such a man as I am?"

"To your daughter I owe more agony still, for—and you will forgive me this—I love her with all the strength of my body and soul. I would give the world for her good opinion of me. She must despise me. I will not pain you by dwelling further on the wrong I have done her. I will not excuse myself. I will only ask you to let me go out of your lives and regain elsewhere some of the respect I have forfeited. I will, if you wish, put all the accounts into an auditor's hands. Hewley can stay and manage for you until you can engage another steward. He is honest—save in his complicity in my fraud—and you may trust him fully. If, on the other hand, you think it better to run your house of us both, he will leave with me. Send me permission to go."

"JOHN MOWBRAY."

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Every girl who is ambitious enough to be persistent, and is sufficiently sensible to begin at the bottom of the vocal scale, will be interested in the charming story by the dainty Ada Reeve, who tells how many a girl earns £250 a week by singing.

In To-morrow's  
WEEKLY DISPATCH.

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In To-morrow's  
WEEKLY DISPATCH.

## 'Bleeding the Country White.'

"Bleeding the Country White" is the title of a striking article on the amazing Growth of the National Expenditure and the Perilous Position of our Finances, by the veteran Liberal Statesman, the Right Hon. Shaw-Lefevre.

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You'll enjoy this pretty romance, for it is—but then, you want to read it for yourself. In addition to this, the two serials, "Through a Woman's Heart" and "As a Man Sows," have each reached a thrilling climax—and then, of course, there is the Country Letter, the Home Page, all the latest news of interest, and a full-sized sheet of music—Garrett O'Magh.

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## What's Wrong This Week?

Puzzles and competitions for readers have taken a fast hold, and the clever artists have made this week's pictorial questions far more interesting and still quite as easy as the introductory series.

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There is not a match of importance or general interest that is not told in a picturesque way by a special staff of Football experts, including special and exclusive article by Mr. Alfred Davis, of the Football Association, with an incomparable summary of events right up to the moment by Mr. J. M. Dick.

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By META SIMMINS.

to give it to you. Your son, Lady Walgrove, is dead; he died in Mowbray's arms. He, not Mowbray, was dragged into the robbery, when auto-cited, by the ruffians who planned it. Half dead, he was not conscious of what he was doing. Mowbray had nothing whatever to do with it, was not even near the place when it was committed. His likeness to your son led to his arrest. Mowbray was alone in the world, your son had wife and child. To save your son, Mowbray let them believe he was Landale, and suffered for him. He can clear himself of the charge at any moment, for there were a score of witnesses to prove he was a hundred miles away when the robbery was committed. I've been his intimate friend for many years, and never knew him to do a wrong act, or even an unkindly one, in all that time. If he is not your son, he is a man to be proud of, for, in spite of his deception upon you, a straighter, better, kinder fellow never lived."

Why did Sibyl feel such a strange rush and glow of pride and pleasure as she listened to Tom's words? It is certain that she had not felt such happiness for many weeks as she did at this moment.

"Has this man anything more to tell?" she asked.

"Nothing, Miss Landale," replied Jack. "Wong, see these people out of the house."

Nat, Sal, and Wolfe left Landale Abbey in a very dejected and sulky condition. Their apparently well-laid schemes had gone woefully agley. They had even lost the allowance Jack had apportioned them. They were penniless and without resources once more. And in London, too, of all places.

Nat was too crushed to talk; Wolfe too furious. Sal's surrender he could not understand. The slap she had given him rankled less than did the quietus she had administered to his schemes. What was the cause? He could not fathom it. The least depressed at the unexpected collapse of their hopes was Sal. Womanlike, she was angry, not with herself for her share in the attempted swindle, but with her accomplices, Nat and Wolfe. The former she hated now with a dull, negative hate. Wolfe she loathed with a liveliness that was unusual to her indolent nature. Wolfe, on his side, would cheerfully have strangled her, could he have done so with impunity. He contented himself with sending in, immediately on his return to London, an enormous bill of costs to Nat. Quick as he was in the delivery of his account, he was too slow, for the slippery Nat had, with Sal, left the hotel, with their bill unpaid, an hour before Wolfe's messenger arrived, and the manager of the Marlborough Hotel knew them no more.

After her mother and father had left the room at Landale Abbey, Smudgee looked long and

myself. There is no excuse to make. You promised me, when the truth was known, to believe that I loved you through it all. Do you believe it?"

Lady Walgrove looked up at his worn, sad face with infinite pity, and said: "I do believe you loved us."

"Thank you," sighed Jack, with gratitude, and turned to Sibyl, asking: "What do you say, Miss Landale?"

Sibyl could say nothing. Her feelings were too complex for speech. The thought that Jack was not married gave her unspeakable pleasure. His abject humiliation brought her intense pain. She had so gloried in his strength, she was abased by his shame.

She could not speak. Jack waited with downcast eyes for the words that would not come. At last the suspense became intolerable. He felt that, to spare the mother and daughter more pain, he must leave them. In a choking voice, he said pitifully:

"I promised you that I would never leave you until you bade me. I am going to my room. I shall be ready to go from this house in an hour. A word sent to me will be enough. I do not ask you to forgive me, dare not hope that you will. I ask that you will believe that I had no thought to rob you, or swindle you out of a penny. Your banker will tell you that you are richer than you were by my coming. Believe this. More I will not venture to plead for. Good-bye."

Before they could speak, he had left them.

CHAPTER XXXIX. John Mowbray Reappears.

Dazed as he was with the succession of heavy blows that had been showered upon him in the past few days, Jack was, for a time, unable to form any plan of action for the future. That he must leave Landale he knew. To remain was impossible.

As his brain gradually cleared he decided that the first thing to do was to tell all those who had trusted him the truth. Locking himself in his room he began to write, first of all, to the two women whom he had so grievously wronged. It was a hard, bitter task to debase himself before those whom he so loved and revered; but it must be done, and that unsparingly.

"I must ask you," he wrote to Lady Walgrove, "to give me back my promise not to leave you. Now that you know the truth, to stay is impossible. I ask no mercy, expect none. It is true that your son did beg of me to take his place, even before he knew that he was near death. He implored me, for your sake and for that of your daughter, to do so. He was so, in his own eyes, unfit to meet you. His marriage and his manner of living had so degraded him in his own esteem that he felt he dared not face you. I think he was wrong, and had he lived I believe that I should have prevailed upon him to think with me. Would

Reading this letter over before he sent it to Lady Walgrove, he felt that he had spoken all too lightly of his crime, but he could not re-write it. He added a postscript, saying, "I dare not write to your daughter. Let this letter be for both. I feel that, in spite of all my desire not to excuse myself, I seem to be doing so. I have tried not to palliate my fault, but I fear I have not succeeded."

This letter he sent at once to Lady Walgrove, then he packed the few things that he could honestly consider his own, and went to find Tom, and to arrange for his own departure.

When Jack's letter was brought to Lady Walgrove she opened it with trembling fingers, but, for a time, could not summon up courage to read it. Sibyl knelt by her mother's side and waited.

When at last her mother began to read, her voice failed her. Sibyl quietly read the letter for her.

For some minutes after the reading was over they were silent. Sibyl was trembling from the rush of her conflicting emotions. Her love of truth was a part of herself. She could not even think a lie, could not understand others lying. That Jack had done so shocked her horribly. She had never suspected him of an untruth since she had known him. Indeed he had never told her one, save on the subject of his identity. Yet, grieved as she was, a strange feeling of rest and calm gradually came upon her. She was a woman, and she loved this man as a woman loves the man she wants to marry. She knew it now. And he loved her.

She turned to her mother, and holding the latter tightly to her, said, "What are we to do, mother?" In both their hearts was the same thought, "He must not leave us." Each was afraid to utter that thought.

"What are we to do, Sibyl?"

"What do you wish, mother dear?"

"What can I wish? He has been so good to me, made me so happy, happier than I have been since your own father died, that it does not seem possible that I can bear parting with him. But, my child, it is not only I who have to be considered. What of you? You see what he says: He loves you. What have you to say? What are your feelings towards him?"

Sibyl hid her blushing face on her mother's breast. "How can I tell you, mother? I have looked upon my regard for him as the love of a sister for a brother, yet, at times, I—I—I could not understand—why I—that is, could not understand myself. It troubled me terribly. I could not tell you, but my jealousy of others in regard to him, the horrible pain when I thought that he had deceived us about his marriage, nothing that I feel now can compare with that agony. Mother, what is the use of trying to explain? I love him. Love him as I could never love any other man in the world."

To be concluded.

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## 100,000 London Ladies Can Make Leap-Year Proposals to Lone Bachelors on Monday.

Monday, being February 29, is a day of matrimonial reckoning and risk, and the *Daily Illustrated Mirror* accepts the responsibility of warning marriageable men, and, for that matter, un-

or prove that you have already taken another. You will not be allowed to wait for the main chance.

London girls are very much in earnest about this, as sheaves of letters in the "Daily Mail" during the past fortnight prove. It is calculated that at least 100,000 maids have marked their men for Monday's matrimonial onslaught.

Probably no two will propose exactly alike, for in these matters girls may be trusted not to divulge their secrets. Hence the need for a systematic dodging of danger on the part of those who love the life of lone bachelorhood. "Shun the sex

shall propose to a bachelor who accepts her proffered hand she must henceforward make atonement by finding for him an heirress for a wife. So exacting are the laws of leap-year wooing, as seen in the unwarping reflection of the *Daily Illustrated Mirror*.

### Bachelors Alarmed.

Thousands of bachelors who regularly spend the week-end out of town with friends in the country, where there are families of girls, have resolved to return on Sunday evening rather than risk the danger of proposals at Monday's breakfast table. These might take the easy, but none the less effective, form of a sprig of white heather or a rose in the victim's napkin ring. Love hath many wiles on Monday, and it would be harder to say "No" to the pretty daughter of one's host than to catch the last train the night before. Indeed, no refusal will be taken where the bachelor is known to be free, however unwilling to wed.

Of course, no true born Briton could be so churlish as to deny a lady the only chance she will have for another four years. In some rare cases, however, bachelor guests invited for the week-end have been apprised that lady members of the household will not lay snares for unwary mankind. There only remains the danger that there may be a revolt of the daughters against the ruling of paterfamilias.

### Heartbreaks and Heartburnings.

Another aspect of leap-year wooing is that the small minority of bachelors who lack the courage to propose look hopefully forward to Monday when the lady may pop the question that has choked her admirer for years. Should the lady refrain, as is most probable in such needy cases, it may nerve the timid lover to valiant words in the near future. Desperation doth make heroes of us all.

There are certain to be heartburnings on Monday; perhaps even heartbreaks, though if that were

to rich spinsters, who should not allow Leap-year Day to go by unimproved. "Passionate Poet" agrees in the main with "Impecunious Painter."

## WOMAN PROPOSES, BUT MAN —.



How can the unprotected male possibly refuse? He might be coy, but indifferent he could not be.

married men everywhere, against the dangers that beset them. It is pre-eminently Ladies' Day, or, more correctly, Spinsters' Day, when maids, young



"EMBARRAS DE RICHESSES."

The number of proposals he receives on the 29th is a good foundation for conceit.

or old, may "pop the question" with all the odds of acceptance in their favour. Therefore, ye bachelors of England, at the desk or at the dance, beware the lady wooer who is waiting for her chance.

On Monday it will be no joke if the wrong girl proposes to you. Gallantry forbids that you should decline the first offer and accept the second or third—or thirteenth. By the laws of leap-year you must either take the dainty hand offered you

for a day" is the advice of a distressed bachelor, "and do not dance at your peril."

It may be here mentioned that this privilege of womankind is supposed to have been introduced by St. Patrick. He met one day St. Bridget in tears because a mutiny had broken out in her nunnery owing to the ladies claiming a right of popping the question. St. Patrick said he would concede to them the right of proposing every seventh year, whereupon St. Bridget threw her arms round his neck, exclaiming: "Arrah! Patrick, jewel, I daurn't go back to the girls with such a proposal. Make it one year in four."

### St. Patrick's Kiss.

St. Patrick replied: "Bridget, acushla, squeeze me that way again, and I'll give you leap-year, the longest of the lot." St. Bridget proposed to St. Patrick himself, but, of course, he could not close with the bargain, so he patched up the difficulty with a kiss and a silk gown—which was better than incurring damages in a breach of promise action.

But in modern times it was found inconvenient to let the girls have the whole of leap-year in which to make proposals, and so the custom became confined to February 29, with the condition attached that girls should have sweethearts for the asking, unless they were previously "engaged." Proposals must be made in person, by word or token. They lose their value by letter, telegram, or telephone; as Benedict must see his Beatrice face to face—which is hardly more than fair, all things considered. It would be too much to expect men not to look before they leap, or, in other words, to leap into open arms at any distance.

If a married man should thoughtlessly at any of the many dances on Monday night pay so many marked attentions to an unmarried lady that she shall be encouraged to propose to him, it will lie with the lady to name the present he must make to her as solatium for the wound he has unwillingly inflicted upon her heart.

Similarly if a mischievous married lady, hankering after the piquant joys of single blessedness,



Oh, really, Miss Smith, this is too sudden. think you had much better speak to Mamma.

so St. Patrick would be sorry. He granted the leap-year concession to weeping St. Bridget. The trouble is that girls are expected to take a particular delight in cutting each other out on Monday, where a bachelor has many admirers.

Some say they will take care to propose before the girl comes along whom the coveted bachelor is known to prefer to all the others. Their excuse will be that all is fair in love and war, especially on Leap-year Day.

"Let heiresses be warned to come early and propose," suggests one signing himself "Impecunious Painter." He would like to see art and wealth go hand in hand. To his mind that is always a fair picture. He holds strong views on the subject, urging that art is sadly handicapped by the eternal want of pence. Poverty, he thinks, makes many of the best men shrink from proposing



Up-to-date action requires up-to-date methods, and the telephone comes in handy for proposals.

only that he expresses himself in verse thus:—

O Daughter of Mammon! behold at thy feet  
A poet enthralled by thy charms;  
If living without thee, my verses are sweet,  
Pray think what they'd be in thy arms.  
I'd sing of thy beauty from morning to night,  
Thy money would silence my woes;  
But pot-boiling doggerel rhymes I must write,  
O Heiress! unless thou propose.

It need only be added that spinsters, too, deserve a warning. They must not propose on Monday in jest. Leap-year day is February 29, not April 1.

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Altogether "Japan's Fight for Freedom" will be a magnificent production, Part I. of which will be ready soon.

## THE SOCIAL PEEP-SHOW.

Their Majesties the King and Queen are giving the first ball of the season at Buckingham Palace on Thursday, March 10. As it is to be of an entirely private nature, the order has been issued that plain clothes are to be worn, with knee-breeches, silk stockings, and decorations. All the guests are expected to arrive at the State entrance, and there will be no separate entrance for the Corps Diplomatique and entrée company. Neither the Gentlemen-at-Arms nor the Yeomen of the Guard will be in attendance at the Palace; and immediately before the ball, which is to be as informal as possible, their Majesties intend giving a small family dinner-party.

Lord and Lady Farquhar have a dinner-party to-night at their house in Grosvenor-square, in honour of the King. The dinner will be followed by Bridge.

In Cannes the greatest interest is taken in Prince and Princess Alexander of Teck, who are staying at the Villa Nevada, and being fêted by all their friends. Every morning the "pretty Princess" receives the loveliest floral offerings, and their coming and going on the Promenade des Anglais is a daily sensation.

All the English visitors to Cannes are entertaining in honour of the Prince and Princess. Lord Glenesk and Sir Sydney Waterlow have had parties, and Lord and Lady Brougham have one in prospect.

It was the latter who practically made Cannes. Years ago when it was a tiny secluded town Lord and Lady Brougham went there, were struck with its beauty, and bought the site on which their lovely villa, the Château Eleanore, is built.

Standing in a garden of roses, chiefly pink and crimson varieties, it is a most exquisite spot.

No less attractive is the interior, and literally "couleur de rose." The walls are hung with rose-coloured paper, the lamp and candle-shades and the cushions are of the same warm hue, and the rooms are fragrant with masses of roses, many of which, even in that land of flowers, are sent over

from England. Rose-colour, or shades of red, is often worn by the châteline herself, and I remember how in her early youth, when first married to the late Sir Richard Musgrave, of Edenhall, in Cumberland, she had all the park palings painted red, and the old women whose duty it was to weed the gardens and shrubberies dressed in long red cloaks.

The Dowager-Queen of the Netherlands' visit to England recalls an amusing incident witnessed by a friend of mine during her former visit, when she was accompanied by her daughter, the present Queen, who was then about sixteen years old. At the time Queen Victoria was residing at Windsor, and Princess Beatrice came to London to meet their Majesties of the Netherlands. Queen Wilhelmina was standing beside her mother when the Princess arrived; and the latter, going up to the girl in the friendliest manner, was just about to kiss her when the youthful Queen, with considerable hauteur, drew back a pace or two and extended her hand to be kissed. The Princess promptly rising, or rather falling to the occasion, took the proffered hand and made a deep curtsy; but the bystanders observed a look of intense amusement was visible for a moment on her face.

A PAGE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO WOMEN.



A pleated bodice is shown beneath, over which to form a fichu a fringed stole is disposed, matched by deep cuffs.

Ruches of taffetas upon cloth frocks allied to stiff little bows will be found most quaint and pretty on a spring frock.

The bolero with ample sleeves sketched above is edged with Japanese embroidery. It is worn above a vest made of graceful flots of lace.

CORSAGES AND COLOUR.

A DETERMINATION AT WHICH FASHION HAS ARRIVED.

Except in the case of the white blouse, it is as well to bow to fashion's decree, and to arrange that the corsage shall match the skirt, either precisely, or approximately in colour.

The supple cloths—the hopsack friezes and the tulle of the delicately thin and amenable materials—early spring—make this rule an easy one to follow, because the corsage may be of the self-same fabric as the rest of the costume. And when the materials cannot match it is quite easy to arrange for a reciprocity of colouring in both.

Linked Ruches in Fashion Again.

Gatherings, puffings, tuckings, and pleating are in vogue for the new spring bodices, and some of these are combined in an effective way that renders them decidedly attractive. Plain and stiff bands may be cleverly manipulated in a hundred different ways, two of which the pictures above very ably demonstrate. Pinked out ruches are especially pleasing amongst the newest of the new forms of embellishment for the spring corsage. For matinee wear the smart girl may have a great variety of blouses. Her best might well be one of

chiffon velours with a lace to form the trimming of it. But this must be judiciously applied. There must be no suggestion of overtrimming or of elaboration, merely just that hint of richness that is in itself unobtrusive.

The coarse laces have had it all their own way for quite an appreciable length of time, and therefore fashion now declares them out of the first rank of modishness, and has said that the fine laces are to take their place. All the sprigged nets and point d'Alençon, Mechlin and Valenciennes lace will be extensively used by the clever woman who keeps up with the modes.

The Mousquetaire Cuff.

It is worth while to call attention to the new mousquetaire cuff that forms the complement of the sleeve, puffed very considerably at the elbows. A thin fabric is often chosen for it, thin mousseline de soie, because of its power of ruckling gracefully and of half-revealing, half-concealing, the arm beneath.

Even the latest boleros are ruckled, just slightly, as is the one in the centre of the picture above. Here is a nice and easy way of dealing with a gauze-like material, such as muslin, when summer-time arrives.

TOILET NOTIONS.

The following lotion will be found very beneficial for preventing chapped lips, but care should also be taken not to wear a veil drawn tightly across the face or to moisten the lips when out in the air. It is made of eight ounces of almond oil, one ounce of white wax, one ounce of honey, two

ounces of spermaceti, and two ounces of rosewater, in which has been dissolved one drachm of borax.

A tonic for hair that is naturally too moist is made of forty grains of resorcin, half an ounce of water, one ounce of witch hazel, and one ounce of alcohol. This should be applied to the roots of the hair every night with a small tooth brush, and be rubbed into the scalp with the finger tips.

It is usually not too much to assert that every part of the body may be affected by the nerves, from the feet to the hands. If the shoes were taken off the feet of a nervous person suddenly it would doubtless be discovered that the toes were all cramped up. A glance at the hands will see them nervously tapping on the arm of a chair, twitching constantly, restlessly moving and accomplishing nothing.

The hands of a nervous person are frequently too moist. As this is a most disagreeable condition, here is a remedy that has frequently been tried with the greatest success. The hands should be rubbed three times a day with fifteen grammes of borate of soda, the same of salicylic acid, four grammes of boric acid, sixty grammes of glycerine, and sixty grammes of alcohol. A nervous hand can scarcely ever disguise this tendency; it is rarely in the first place white, and it is never plump. As a rule it is drawn and wrinkled; in other words, it is an old hand, even though it belongs to a young person.

To make a good tooth powder, which may be used as a whiteness twice a week, add to eight ounces of orris root two ounces of myrrh and six ounces of the finest pumice stone. Rub this mixture well together, and sift it thoroughly after the following oils have been added—five drops each of cloves, rose, and lemon. A cosmetic often recommended for improving

the skin of the neck and arms is made from the whites of four eggs, boiled in rosewater, with the addition of a grain or two of alum, beaten till it is thick. Spread this on the skin, and cover it with bits of old linen. It gives great firmness and purity to the skin, and is considered an excellent remedy by persons whose arms are inclined to be too soft and flabby.

COOKERY PRIZES.

Three prizes of £1, 10s., and 5s. will be awarded on March 14th for the three best cookery recipes sent in during the month, dating from February 13. Competitors should write their recipes on postcards addressed:—Chef, *Daily Illustrated Mirror*, 2, Carmelite-street, Whitefriars, E.C.

The competing cards may be sent in any day until the last post of March 12th.

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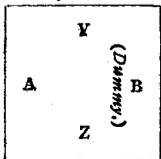
BRIDGE DAY BY DAY.

By ERNEST BERGHOLT.

THE PLAY OF THE SECOND COUPON

WEEKLY COMPETITION 9.—Coupon B.

♥ Q, 8, 6.  
♠ 8, 3.  
♦ 6, 5.  
♣ K, Q, J, 7, 6, 3.



♥ 10, 5, 4, 2.  
♠ 7, 5, 4, 2.  
♦ K, 4, 3.  
♣ A, 5.

Score: AB, 48; YZ, 1 game and love. A deals and leads ♠ K.

THE PLAY.

Trick.	Y	B	Z	A
1.	♠ K	♠ 4	♠ 5	♠ 2
2.	♥ 6	♥ I	♥ 2	♥ 8
3.	♦ 5	♦ A	♦ 3	♦ 2
4.	♦ 6	♦ Q	♦ 4	♦ 7
5.	♣ 3	♦ J	♦ K	♦ 8
6.	♣ 2	♣ 8	♣ A	♥ 7
7.	♥ 8	♥ A	♥ 4	♥ 9
8.	♣ 8	♣ A	♣ 2	♣ 6
9.	♣ 6	♣ K	♣ 4	♣ 9
10.	♣ 7	♣ Q	♣ 5	♣ J
11.	♣ J	♦ 9	♣ 7	♦ 10
12.	♥ Q	♣ 9	♥ 5	♥ K
13.	♣ Q	♣ 10	♥ 10	♣ 10

Result: AB, 10 tricks; YZ, 3 tricks.  
Score: AB, 48; YZ, love.  
AB win the game.

COMMENTS.

Trick 1.—In view of the obvious risk of losing game, Z must not present the dealer with an extra trick in Spades by winning A's King.

Trick 2.—Y can count Z with ♠ A single, as there would be no object in A's holding that card up. Y sees that the only chance of getting in again to make the Spades is that Z holds King to three Hearts and ♦ K guarded. If Y continues the Spade at trick 2, Z, having the cards hoped for, must lead ♥ K, and YZ would win two by cards only. If, however, at trick 2 Y leads a small Heart, YZ may make nine tricks and the game—two Hearts, King of Diamonds, and six Spades. It is true that, even if the cards lay right, Y's hope could be frustrated by B's leading out his five winning cards, but the dealer is hardly likely to do this, as he cannot place the unseen Spades.

Z not holding ♥ K, the plan fails.  
Trick 4.—Z holds up ♦ K to try and prevent B from giving A the lead, in case A has only three diamonds to the 10. If the lead can be kept in B's hand, Y will make two more spades.

"RIGHT RESULTS THE WRONG WAY."

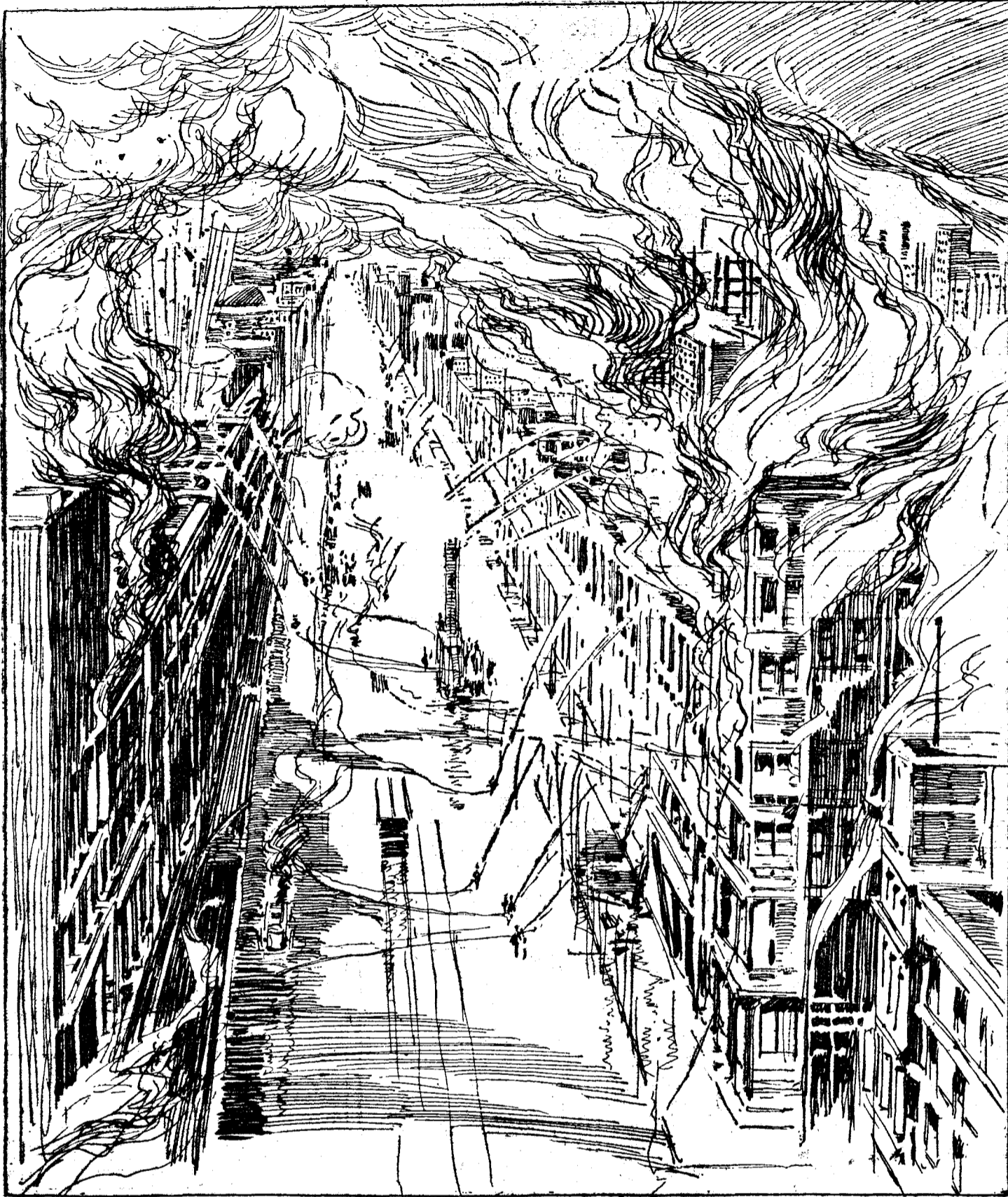
(To the Bridge Editor of the *Daily Illustrated Mirror*.)

Although I have enjoyed working at the Tournament as well as all the weekly problems, I am not sending the latter up, as I do not think my play is improving, as you promised! I seem to get right results in the wrong way. What can I do? I delight in the *Daily Illustrated Mirror*, but I should be so grateful if I could really succeed in playing Bridge fairly well, and of finding out where I go wrong.  
M. I. A.  
Bromley, Kent.

"Getting right results the wrong way" can only refer to the play of the little five-card endings we have been publishing. In all these, there has only been one way of getting the right results. If the same number of tricks have been obtained by a course of play other than the one published, this can only have been through a bad defence on the part of the opponents. M. I. A. should make a point of never putting away one of these little problems without fully satisfying herself why other ways of playing the cards must result in defeat, if the antagonists play properly. Whenever she is unable to see this, we hope she will write and make inquiries, and we shall be pleased to explain. It is quite impossible that the endings we have given should be carefully and intelligently studied without marked benefit being derived therefrom.

The play of Tournament Hands, where the position of all the cards is not known, also leads necessarily to improvement, provided that the correct play, as published, is carefully noted, and the reasons for it understood and remembered for future guidance. We notice that some of our contemporaries, who are imitating our competitions as well as they are able, carefully avoid publishing model plays, after the awards are made, of the hands they have put before the competitors. Such omission renders the whole thing nugatory from the point of view of a student of the game who is really desirous of making progress.

## ANOTHER GREAT FIRE IN AMERICA.



America was again visited by the fire horror yesterday, and the business quarter of Rochester, New York State, was partly destroyed. The water mains were frozen, and the fire brigade was greatly handicapped. Houses had to be blown up with dynamite to prevent the flames spreading. The damage is estimated at £1,400,000.

### CITY WRECKED BY FIRE.

#### Outbreak in an American Town Causes Loss of £1,400,000.

A great fire broke out yesterday (says Reuter) in the heart of the business section of Rochester (New York State). Dynamiting to prevent the fire from spreading had to be resorted to. Appeals for help in fighting the flames had been sent to Buffalo and Syracuse.

The water mains are frozen, and the firemen were consequently greatly impeded in their work. Fortunately there was no wind, otherwise there might have been a repetition of the Baltimore calamity. Several miraculous escapes from death by falling walls are reported.

The conflagration originated in the Rochester Dry Goods Company's building. A defect in the connections of the electric motor in the basement, which was used to work the lift, caused an outbreak, and the flames quickly spread from the basement to the elevator shaft. In a short time the building was destroyed.

A dispatch late last evening says "The fire is now under control, and it is now estimated that £1,400,000 will cover the loss."

Three acres of the business section were consumed.

#### DIVORCE AFTER THREE PETITIONS.

Sir F. Jeune and a common jury, in the Divorce Court, yesterday, concluded the hearing of the case of Hill v. Hill and Harrall. This was a case in which two previous petitions had been presented, the first petition having been dismissed, and in the case of the second the jury disagreed. The petitioner, Mr. Charles Evans Hill, a solicitor's clerk, of Evesham, sought a dissolution of his marriage on the ground of the misconduct of his wife with a labourer named George Harrall.

The jury, without leaving the box, found a verdict for the petitioner, and his Lordship granted a decree nisi, with costs.

The Prince of Wales has signified his intention of being present at the 126th anniversary dinner of the Highland Society at the Whitehall Rooms, Hotel Metropole, on March 21.

### RIVALS, BUT FRIENDS.

#### Lady House Agents Start an Institute With Two Members.

Mrs. Arthur Holland and Miss Woollans, the rival lady house-agents, each of whom claimed to be the first woman to venture into the estate agency business, through the intervention of the *Daily Illustrated Mirror* have become fast friends, though still professional rivals.

They have one great grievance in common: the Institute of House and Estate Agents refuses to number either of them among its members.

Feeling very strongly that their professional reputation will be much enhanced, and their rights safeguarded by their membership of some such institute, they have decided to found one of their own.

But though primarily for estate agents, the institute will be wide in its interests, and in connection with it will be smaller institutes admitting women following other professions, such as architects, decorators, artists, antique furniture dealers, doctors, journalists, and women lawyers, when such are allowed.

It is hoped that a certain very great lady will become the president, and Mrs. Holland writes that the "men cannot laugh so much when they see that we poor women are encouraged in our work by the highest in the land."

#### WEEK OF SELF-DENIAL.

From to-day until Saturday next the Salvation Army lass will be much in evidence in London, this being the initial day of the annual self-denial week. Every Salvationist looks forward to beating last year's sum collected in this way. A *Daily Illustrated Mirror* representative, who inquired at the headquarters of the Army, learned that the present is the seventeenth year of the self-denial movement. In 1888 the sum realised was £12,633. From that amount the pounds have grown in bulk, until, last year, they reached £55,012. This year the "S.D. Week"—as it is commonly called—is to realise £60,000.

Mr. Devonport has been appointed Deputy-Governor of H.M. Prison, Wormwood Scrubs, in succession to Mr. Cavendish, who becomes a Governor.

### LONDON'S FIRE PERIL.

#### Narrow Courts and Alleys in Old London Veritable Fire Traps.

"It is little short of a miracle that more lives were not lost. Had the police been less watchful or the firemen less energetic the consequences might have been too awful to contemplate. The neighbourhood is simply one great death-trap."

Thus spoke a fire expert, referring to the fatal fire in Duke's Head-passage. "There have been two great fires in the neighbourhood in the last twenty years, and the L.C.C. are fully alive to the danger of such districts," he continued. "London is full of them, and the risks the inhabitants run are terrible. But what can be done? It would cost millions to rebuild all these narrow courts and alleys, and the ratepayers would never sanction such expenditure."

"One form of obstruction bought certainly to be removed at once. Dangerous as such thoroughfares are, the danger is increased tenfold by the immovable iron posts that are frequently placed at their entrances. A list of these was given to the L.C.C. some eighteen months ago by the Fire Brigade."

"Had there been no posts at the end of Duke's Head-passage those seven lives might have been saved, and at least the Brigade would have found their work much easier."

"Small, light ladders should be kept at each fire-station near districts with narrow lanes, where the ordinary escapes cannot be raised."

"The only other suggestion I can offer is that each man should himself take steps to secure his escape in case of fire. A dozen yards of rope in the bedroom would have saved all those people from a horrible death. I think everyone ought to take such an ordinary precaution."

"A simple appliance for lowering people from a window can be purchased for a few shillings, and is strongly recommended."

### HERALDED BY SILVER TRUMPETS.

The envoy from Bhutan, who has been conferring with the Tibetan generals and endeavouring to persuade them, so far without result, to come to terms with the British, was greatly edified by the Maxims and typewriters which were worked in his presence.

He has a following of 150 men, armed with long swords with jewelled hilts, the scabbards being of silver inlaid with gold. The chief attendants are gorgeously clad in purple and gold tunics and richly-embroidered fur caps. Huge Tibetan mastiffs accompanied the party.

He was preceded by eight trumpeters, with silver instruments over two feet long.

### REBOUND FROM PESSIMISM IN THE CITY

There were no failures announced on the Stock Exchange yesterday, and there was no bad news from the Continent. Moreover, the bankers were talking of cheaper money, owing to the Government paying off £2,000,000 in Treasury bills to-day, and a further £2,000,000 on Monday. These points were naturally all in favour of markets.

To-day is the carry-over day of the settlement in Consols. Paris still wants to sell Consols in this market, and so the tendency is towards a lower level.

The Continent was watched very closely for signs of nervousness in connection with the coming settlements on the Paris and other Bourses. But, after hesitating after a good start, the Foreign market pulled itself together, and closed quite firm, with Russians, Spanish, and one or two other descriptions somewhat prominent. It is now thought that much of the recent pessimism about the Foreign Bourses was overdone. But there is a lot of wreckage abroad, which must not be ignored.

In the Home Railway market there was practically no business. The talk of a revival in the shipbuilding industry up north is not as yet attracting much attention. Some of the speculative stocks of the Southern group, like Brighton "A," were better, but otherwise there was not much to notice.

New York had sent hopeful news overnight for the American market, but dealers in American Rails here were very uncertain, pending developments in the way of Berlin selling, which, however, was again not forthcoming. Finally, the market pulled itself together fairly well, and was not at all bad at the finish in the "House," but the Street market, after hours, had an unhappy appearance.

The talk of renewed bad weather conditions in Canada rather affected Canadian Rails, and Grand Trunks were depressed now that the time for the monthly statement has come round. But the market, of course, expects that there will be some reduction in expenditure to make up for the heavy loss in traffic.

Argentine Rails were naturally put lower on the strike of the Rosario hands. It is feared that the strike may spread to at least one other company. There was a slightly encouraging feature for Mexican Railway descriptions in the higher tendency for silver.

Bank shares are mostly lower, for here people are talking of the possible necessity for writing the Consols holdings down further in the balance-sheets next half-year.

South African mining shares have fluctuated a good deal, and at one time were supported. On the whole the close was fairly cheerful, and there was a little inquiry for Rhodesian shares owing to the talk about the Ayrshire mine opening up well; but the fact that the closing of the Chartered lists was deferred was not liked. West Africans were put lower, owing to talk of high working expenses on the Wassau. West Australian mining shares were rather bid for than otherwise. But quite a feature in the mining section was some professional bidding for Egyptian issues, on the high assay values reported from the Nile Valley property, which, however, must be regarded as of an experimental nature.

Five suicides of Greek children have occurred at a school at Prague during a single term.

### BLOOMERS IN COUNCIL.

Lady Harberton walked courageously down the Strand last night in her rationals with a short cloak and an umbrella, to the Essex Hall, Essex-street, to listen to Dr. Bernard O'Connor lecture on "The Evils of Corsets and Long Skirts from a Medical Point of View."

Later, the innumerable disadvantages and evil effects of the tight-fitting corset, the long trailing skirt, and the "smart" shoe were discussed.

There were rationals present of all hues. They came in pink and in blue; but the big picture hats with drooping feathers, which many wore, seemed to contrast weirdly with their otherwise manly figures.

### LADY AND CHILD MISSING.

Following is an advertisement in this morning's "Daily Mail":—

WHEREAS, on the morning of Monday, 22nd, a tall lady, carrying a child, left Malden Station by the 9.26 train for Waterloo, having with her 2 trunks and 2 other packages. A reward of £2 will be paid for information as to her whereabouts.—Apply, in first instance, to Information, c/o. Browne's Advertising Agency, 143, Holborn-bars, London, E.C.

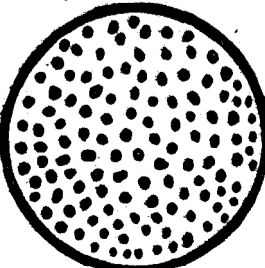
By means of the above the advertiser hopes to discover the whereabouts of his wife, of whom no trace has been found since her disappearance.

## £100 PRIZE CONTEST

Can you Count the Dots in the Circle?

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# WARNER DISMISSED FOR A "DUCK."

The England Eleven Made a Poor Start in the Fourth Test Match, but Knight and Braund Saved the Situation.

## THE BATTLE OF HASTINGS.

Cossack Post Rushes the Highway at Hurst Park.

It has been stated that Mark Time is marking time on the Chester Cup. This is erroneous, and, all being well, the smart son of Marco will compete for the New Century Steeplechase at Hurst Park this afternoon.

Recently Hurst Park was under water. Now Haydock Park is under snow; and whilst the meeting at Molesey began with a slight fall of now the full card was run through. Up north he racing was abandoned.

Of course, the ground at Hurst Park proved heavy, but falls were few, and sport entertaining. George Williamson might have ridden Zampa, as in the past, but that popular horseman went off to Haydock Park. The mount was offered to Percy Woodland, and he enjoyed a comfortable ride in the first race, as well as the last one. Zampa made the whole of the running and won neatly from aishfree.

Percy Woodland is suffering from a severe cold, and remarked, "I could hardly open my eyes this morning!" However, he managed to open the eyes of backers in the Bushey Steeplechase, for May King gave the favourite, Leamington, no quarters in the contest. Dollery is suffering from a sprained ankle, but he will ride May King in the Grand National at 10th 5lb, and has an outside chance.

### Mason a "Workman."

Morningdew ran in the name of Mr. E. Woodland, having been claimed at Lingfield, and started second favourite for the Overnight Steeplechase, which Lord Ronald won for the second time, but only owing to the very vigorous riding of F. Mason. Chelford broke down after clearing the last fence, and was there dismounted.

Communist put in a very stylish performance when appropriating the Maiden Steeplechase, and Cossack Post also did excellently well in the Spring Hurdle Race, where Mr. Hastings was seen to great advantage. He rode with admirable discretion, waiting in front, and beating his field by good generalship.

One of the most desperate races seen during the winter was that between Intimidator and Patrick's Ball in the Wimbledon Hurdle Race, both jockeys riding like demons. Intimidator's rider managed to ward off defeat.

In the last race The Chief's number was hoisted instead of that of Frederick Charles, but the error was quickly rectified. Pity this race was last on the card, for the light was failing and sleet falling, so little could be seen. Perdicus was soon tailed off, and Flying Swallow fell; Snowden got rid of his jockey two fences from home, and May King mothered Leamington.

## FANCIES FOR TO-DAY.

### HURST PARK.

- 2.0.—Hampton Hurdle.—MORNING MAIL.
- 2.30.—Teddington Steeple.—ADANSI.
- 3.0.—New Century Steeplechase.—MARK TIME.\*
- 3.30.—Novices' Hurdle Race.—PRINCESIMMON.
- 4.0.—Selling Hurdle Race.—ZULU.
- 4.30.—Open Steeplechase.—SHYLOCK II.

## RACING RETURNS.

### HURST PARK.—FRIDAY.

0.—MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs.; second to receive 10 sovs. Two miles. Mr. W. A. Jarvis's ZAMPA, by St. Angelo—Hostage, 4yrs, 11st, Mr. E. C. Graham Menzies's INISHFREE, aged, 12st, Mr. E. Matthews's McALLUM MORE, aged, 12st, 11st 7lb, also ran: Emily Melton (aged, 11st 7lb), La Napoule 4yrs, 11st 7lb, Padlock II. (6yrs, 11st 7lb), Carriagdown 4yrs, 11st 7lb, Cerillo (5yrs, 11st 3lb), St. Rollox (4yrs, 10st 7lb).

(Winner trained by Owner.) Betting—6 to 1 agst Zampa, 2 to 1 Inishfree, 4 to 1 Padlock II, 6 to 1 McCallum More, 20 to 1 any other offered. Won by three lengths; a similar distance separated the second and third.

30.—OVERNIGHT SELLING STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. Two miles. Mr. E. Gore's LORD RONALD II, by Greenfield—Kate, aged, 12st, Mr. F. Mason's CHUCK A LUCK, 4yrs, 10st 7lb.

Mr. John Hilgay's KINGSCOTE, 6yrs, 12st, Mr. Hartigan's Chelford (aged, 12st), Morningdew (aged, 12st). (Winner trained by Owner.) Betting—2 to 1 agst Lord Ronald II, 3 to 1 Morningdew, 7 to 1 Chuck a Luck, 5 to 1 Kingcote, 8 to 1 Chelford, 10 to 1 any other offered. Won by a length and a half; two lengths divided the second and third. The winner was bought in for 125 guineas.

0.—FOUR AND FIVE YEAR OLD MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. Two miles. Mr. L. Brown's COMMUNIST, by Common—Bunduca, aged, 12st 5lb, Mr. E. Driscoll's Lord Sefton's ROYAL CYGNET, 4yrs, 10st 7lb, Piggott 2 Mr. A. Knowles's THE GRASPER, 5yrs, 11st 7lb.

(Winner trained by Waller.) Betting—11 to 8 agst Communist, 5 to 2 The Grasper, 10 to 1 Royal Cygnet, 7 to 1 Hawser, 10 to 1 any other. Won easily by three lengths; a length and a half between the second and third.

30.—SPRING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. Two miles. Mr. E. Phillips's COSSACK POST, by Scout—Merry Hill Lass, 6yrs, 12st 7lb, Mr. A. Hastings's Lord Sefton's HIGHWAY, 5yrs, 10st 10lb, Piggott 2 Mr. H. Escott's SNUFF BOX, 5yrs, 11st 8lb, B. Ellis 3 Also ran: Thos (5yrs, 10st 11lb), Plum Pecker (4yrs, 10st 5lb), Exaltation (6yrs, 10st).

(Winner trained by Mr. A. Hastings.) Betting—15 to 8 agst Cossack Post, 3 to 1 Snuff Box, 10 to 30 Thos, 7 to 1 each Highway and Exaltation, 100 to 8 Plum Pecker (offered). Won by a length and a half; a length separated the second and third.

0.—WIMBLEDON SELLING HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Two miles. Mr. James Hare's INTIMIDATER, by Timothy—Strike, aged, 11st 7lb, Captain H. Watson's PATRICK'S BALL, aged, 11st 7lb, Lord Sefton's TUSCAN, 4yrs, 10st 7lb, S. Woodland 3 Also ran: Postilipo (6yrs, 11st 7lb), Salvador (aged, 11st 7lb), Picador (5yrs, 11st 7lb), Friar Buck (aged,

11st 7lb), Miss Blossom (5yrs, 11st 3lb), Bakersfield (5yrs, 11st 3lb), Mrs. Honey (5yrs, 11st 3lb), Stargazer (4yrs, 10st 7lb).

(Winner trained by F. R. Hunt.) Betting—6 to 5 agst Intimidator, 5 to 1 each Salvador and Friar Buck, 10 to 1 each Mrs. Honey, Stargazer, and Tuscan, 100 to 8 Patrick's Ball or any other (offered). Won by a neck; three lengths between the second and third. The winner was bought in for 165 guineas.

4.30.—BUSHEY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. Three miles.

Mr. W. J. Compton's MAY KING, by May Boy—Katie Kendal, aged, 12st, Mr. P. Woodland 1 Mr. F. Bibby's LEAMINGTON, 5yrs, 12st, F. Mason 3 Mr. C. V. Tabor's BALIA, aged, 11st 3lb (7lb ex) Owner 3 Also ran: Perdicus (aged, 12st 1lb), King Dick II. (aged, 11st 7lb), Flying Swallow (aged, 11st 7lb), Balaarach (5yrs, 11st 6lb), Easter Ogue (aged, 11st 5lb), Thranen (aged, 11st), Snowden (aged, 10st 10lb, car. 10st 13lb), Frederick Charles (5yrs, 10st).

(Winner trained by Clements.) Betting—3 to 1 agst Leamington, 7 to 2 each May King and Easter Ogue, 5 to 1 Flying Swallow, 20 to 1 Bala or any other (offered). Won by eight lengths; four lengths divided the second and third.

## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

### HURST PARK MEETING.

2.0.—HAMPTON HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Two miles. Mr. J. E. Tabor's Commodore, aged, 11st 13lb, Mr. G. Johnston's Highway, aged, 11st 13lb, Mr. J. M. Kerne's La Napoule, aged, 11st 13lb, Mr. A. Stedall's Exaltation, aged, 11st 13lb, W. Nightingall 6 11 3

THE ABOVE HAVE ARRIVED. Prince Hatzfeldt's Ipswich, Mr. Law 5 12 7 Mr. Knowles's Clarkson, Sentance 4 12 4 Mr. W. F. Hamilton's Maori Queen II, Gordon 4 11 13 Mr. H. Bonas's A.N.B., Mr. Gore 4 11 13

Mr. B. S. Cooper's Rose Clorane, Holt 4 10 0 Mr. G. Edwards's Country Squire Major Edwards 4 10 0 Mr. H. J. King's Pericles, Russell 4 10 0

4.0.—SELLING HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Two miles.

Mr. C. Hibbert's Pomfret, W. Nightingall 5 12 7 Mr. Craig McKerron's Ansley, Barratt 5 12 2 Mr. H. Bottomley's Sheerness, Batho 5 12 2 Mr. H. Bottomley's Picador, Batho 5 12 2 Mr. E. Sharpe's Senator, Burbridge 5 12 0 Mr. Guernsey's Postilipo, Holt 6 11 11 Mr. Solomon's Saltative, Marnes 6 11 11 Mr. A. Gorham's Padishah, Hackett 5 11 10 Capt. Watson's George Fordham, Downes 5 11 10 Mr. G. R. Fry's Visionary, Hallick 5 11 8 Mr. W. Bellamy's Hand-in-Hand, R. I'Anson 5 11 6 Mr. H. Bonas's Zulu, Gore 4 11 4 Mr. Peebles's Colchester, Owner 4 11 2 Mr. C. Hobbs's Shadwell, Hobbs, jun. 5 11 2 Mr. W. J. Compton's Mazarin, Clements 4 11 1 Mr. F. White's Insulator, Waller 6 10 13 Mr. E. Eames's Emir, Private 6 10 12 Mr. P. Gleeson's Pindar, R. I'Anson 5 10 12 Mr. W. Catling's Composite, Smith 6 10 10 Mr. Bancroft's Stargazer, A. Thirlwell 6 10 9 Mr. H. Samuel's Decapitated, Private 4 10 8

### THE ABOVE HAVE ARRIVED.

4.30.—OPEN STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. Three miles. Mr. Horatio Bottomley's Biology, Batho 5 12 10 Mr. Horatio Bottomley's Easter Ogue, Batho 5 12 10

### THE ABOVE HAVE ARRIVED.

Captain R. H. Collis's Benhead, Owner 5 12 3 Prince Hatzfeldt's Dearslayer, Mr. Law 5 12 3 Mr. T. O'Byrne's Dathi, Greusel 5 11 10 Mr. F. R. Hunt's Sweetheart III, Owner 5 11 10 Mr. Leslie Bone's The Actuary, Collins 5 11 10 Mr. B. B. Bentley's Sinopi, C. Brown 5 11 3 Major J. D. Edwards's Blazer II, Owner 5 11 3 Mr. T. Ashton's Seisdon Prince, Coulthwaite 5 11 1

## THE KNIGHT ERRANT.



A. E. Knight, the famous Leicestershire professional cricketer, who yesterday compiled a fine innings of 64 not out in the Test Match at Sydney (N.S.W.), made his first appearance in a representative match at Lords last season, when he scored a brilliant century for the Players versus Gentlemen.

Mr. G. A. Prentice's Spinning Minnow, Jarvis 4 11 11 Mr. H. Raynor's Ocean Rover, Smith 4 11 10 Mr. R. Craig McKerron's Morning Mail, Barratt 4 11 8 Mr. L. Brown's Augural, Waller 5 11 7 Mr. C. T. Puley's Irish Channel, Butchers 4 12 7 Mr. J. Muddimer's Thursday II, Perkins 5 11 6 Mr. E. A. Griffiths's Bayfield, Swash 6 11 2 Mr. George Milligan's Strettington, Russell 4 11 2 Mr. A. Harris's Ray, Batho 4 11 2 Mr. C. Habin's Bowsprit, Habin, jun. 5 11 1 Mr. E. Clark's Lady Palestep, Rose 5 10 12 Mr. Reid Walker's Liberation, Doyle 5 10 12 Mr. W. R. Pickett's Garter Knight, Private 6 10 8

2.30.—TEDDINGTON SELLING STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. Two miles.

Mr. H. Bottomley's Adansi, Batho 6 12 0 Mr. S. H. Burnley Campbell's Early Dawn Private 6 12 0 Mr. Lyssaght's Partridge, Gore 6 12 0 Mr. E. Woodland's Morning Dew, Private 6 12 0 Mr. Coleman's Lord Quex, Owner 6 12 0 Mr. J. Hilgay's Kingscote, Parkes 6 12 0 Mr. Downes's Chuck-a-Luck, Owner 4 10 7

### THE ABOVE HAVE ARRIVED.

3.0.—NEW CENTURY STEEPLECHASE of 500 sovs. Two miles. Mr. J. F. Hallick's Foxhill, Owner 5 12 0 Mr. Lord Phillips's Friary, Thomas 5 12 0 Lord Sefton's Kinrara, Sentance 5 12 0 Lord Dudley's The Hawk, Capt. Dewhurst 5 11 7 Mr. A. Gorham's Anxious, Hackett 6 11 7 Mr. A. Gorham's Wolf's Folly (late Postman's Knock), 6 11 7 Mr. J. Rogerson's Evan, Munro 5 11 7 Lord Derby's Outsider, Capt. Dewhurst 5 11 0 Mr. A. Knowles's The Grasper, Sentance 5 11 0

### THE ABOVE HAVE ARRIVED.

Lord Sefton's Longthorpe, Russell 6 12 7 Mr. S. Hill-Wood's Maizie II, Clements 6 12 0 Mr. H. Dudgeon's Merville, In Ireland 4 11 7 Mr. G. Edwards's Eteocles, Major Edwards 5 11 7 Major J. D. Edwards's Shaun Dhuv, Owner 6 11 7 Mr. B. V. Peebles's The Solicitor, Mardal 5 11 7 Mr. P. P. Peebles's The Solicitor, Mardal 5 11 7 Mr. A. Stedall's Grand Deacon, W. Nightingall 6 11 7 Mr. V. T. Thompson's Puerto, Ambler 6 11 7 Mr. H. E. Brassey's Dunboyne, Capt. Dewhurst 5 11 0 Mr. E. B. Faber's Phulnana, Collins 4 10 0 Mr. J. G. Clarke's Mark Time, Robinson 4 10 0

Mr. P. P. Peebles's Tattus, Owner 5 11 1 Mr. N. J. Kelly's Fly Leaf, Cullen 5 10 8 Mr. R. K. Mainwaring's Free Flyer, Fallon 5 10 8 Mr. B. W. Parr's Mitchellstown, Capt. Coventry 5 10 8 Mr. H. Whitworth's Shyluck II, Private 4 10 0

## LONDON BETTING.

### LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP.

(Run Tuesday, March 22. Distance, one mile.) 100 to 9 agst Barbetta, 3yrs, 6st 1lb (o) W. I'Anson 100 to 7 Uninsured, 4yrs, 7st 10lb (t and o) J. Fallon 15 to 1 Cerisier, 4yrs, 6st 6lb (t) F. Leach 20 to 1 Schnapps, 4yrs, 7st 7lb (t and o) R. Sherrard 25 to 1 Porteuilla, 6yrs, 7st (t and o) H. Sadler 25 to 1 Holme Lacy, 4yrs, 7st (t) T. Jennings

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE. (Run at Liverpool, Friday, March 25. Distance, about four miles and 856 yards.) 9 to 1 agst Ambush II, 10yrs, 12st 6lb (w) McNally 10 to 1 Detail, 8yrs, 10st 7lb (t) Privately

## THE MAN OF THE MOMENT.

Albert E. Knight, the Leicestershire cricketer, who rendered England such excellent service in the Test match at Sydney yesterday, although recognised for some years past as a painstaking and skilful batsman, jumped suddenly to the front last summer, when, in first-class contests, he scored 1,834 runs, with an average of 45. Given a place in the Gentlemen v. Players match at Lord's—the hall-mark of cricket fame—he seized the opportunity afforded by his first appearance in that classic fixture and put together an admirable innings of 139. There can be little doubt but that his batting on that occasion, coupled as it was, with some smart fielding, went a long way towards getting him a place in Warner's team. He is an orthodox batsman, making most of his runs on the offside, and his best stroke is unquestionably his square cut. Enjoying the advantage of an education far superior to that of the average professional cricketer, he used at one time to lecture, in a humble way, upon social questions. A total abstainer, he takes his cricket very seriously. It is told of him as illustrating his singularly ingenious nature, that when he first came out he greatly amused the Lancashire professionals by asking them if they thought he played Mold properly. He is just over thirty years of age.

## OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

South-Western Handicap Steeplechase, Sandown Park.—St. Hilarius and Balsaroch. Aiselle Handicap Hurdle Race, Sandown Park.—St. Hilarius. All engagements.—Filly by Oriflamb—Bonny Jean, 2yrs.

## KNIGHT THE HERO.

Plays a Fine Innings of 64 and is Still Not Out.

SYDNEY, Feb. 26.

The fourth Test match began here to-day and excited great interest, the crowd numbering 17,000 before the end of the afternoon. In making their final choice from the thirteen players provisionally selected the Australians left out Armstrong and Howell in favour of McAlister and Cotter, neither of whom had taken part in the previous Test games. There had been some anxiety as to whether Cotter would be able to play, but the doctor consulted said his arm was all right again and that he need not be afraid to exert himself.

Warner beat Noble in the toss, and, on a good wicket, opened England's innings with Hayward. Cotter and Noble shared the bowling. The start was disastrous, Warner being beaten by Noble's fourth ball. One wicket for four. Tydesley, joined Hayward, and both batsmen played cautiously. When he had scored six Hayward put up a ball from Noble perilously near McAlister at short-leg, but the fieldsman did not reach it. At 25 Trumble displaced Cotter, who had bowled six overs for 17 runs. The second wicket fell at 34, Tydesley being caught at forward cover-point. It was the first time he had attempted to make a hard hit on the off side.

### Fayward Unfortunate.

Foster came next, but at 42 Hayward was out rather unluckily, the ball bouncing off the wicket-keeper's knee into McAlister's hands at slip. Knight joined Foster, and at 45 Noble, who had taken two wickets in eleven overs for 24 runs, gave way to Hopkins. Off the new bowler Foster, when 9, ought to have been stumped, but Kelly fumbled the ball. Cotter relieved Trumble at 62 and Noble went on again, but nothing happened before lunch. The total was then 66, Foster having made 19 and Knight 11.

After the interval Trumble and Noble bowled, and before a run had been added Foster was brilliantly caught at short-leg. Braund, who followed in, began with extreme care, being at the wickets seventeen minutes before he scored. Knight also played a defensive game, but the cricket was full of interest, the bowling being admirable and the fielding beyond reproach. When the total had slowly reached 95 McLeod was put on in place of Noble, whose record now stood at three wickets for 39.

### Ironical Applause.

A slight sprinkle of rain fell, but it was not enough to stop the game. Play continued to be very slow, McLeod bowling four maidens in succession, but no wicket fell; so at 96 Cotter resumed at Trumble's end. There was some ironical applause when at last Knight made a single. When the hundred went up the innings had lasted two hours and a quarter. McLeod bowled another maiden, but after this a few runs were hit from him, and at 123 a double change was tried, Hopkins and Trumble going on.

The pace slackened again, but at the tea interval the total had been increased to 142, and the two batsmen were still together. Knight had scored 48 and Braund 33.

On starting afresh Noble and Trumble were the bowlers. The latter kept a fine length, and was very difficult to hit. Knight completed his fifty after batting two hours and five minutes. At 155 Braund was caught low down at slip, but he did not think he was out, and hesitated before leaving the wicket. After his dismissal rain came on, the game being delayed fifteen minutes. Hirst came in, and Knight, with his score at 53, was missed being caught and bowled by Trumble.

### "Barracking" by the Rinkers.

Beginning badly, Hirst made several faulty strokes off Noble, but none of them went to hand. Trumble appealed for leg-before when Hirst had scored 14, but Crockett answered in the batsman's favour. The decision caused the rinkers to indulge in some "barracking," but the spectators in the pavilion loudly applauded the umpire, and the disturbance soon ceased. At 185 Hirst played a ball on to his wicket. He was batting for forty minutes, but fell a good deal below his usual standard.

Bosanquet had only made 4 when Hopkins, at long-on, missed him badly off Noble. When 200 went up the game had been in progress four hours and a quarter. Cotter and Hopkins took up the bowling at 205, and the latter promptly beat Bosanquet. Stumps were then drawn, the total being 207 for seven wickets. Cotter's bowling to-day was erratic. At the close the wicket was in good condition.

### ENGLAND.

P. F. Warner, b Noble 0  
Hayward, c McAlister, b Trumble 18  
Tydesley, c Gregory, b Noble 18  
R. E. Foster, c McAlister, b Noble 19  
Knight, not out 64  
Braund, c Trumble, b Noble 39  
Hirst, b Noble 25  
B. J. T. Bosanquet, b Hopkins 12  
Extras 14

Total (for seven wickets) 207

Arnold, Lilley, and Rhodes to go in. Australia: M. A. Noble, V. Trumper, R. A. Duff, A. J. Hopkins, J. J. Kelly, S. E. Gregory, Cotter, C. Hill, H. Trumble, P. McAlister, and C. McLeod.

—Reuter's Special Service.

With the Shield competition over, so far as the season of 1903-4 is concerned, there merely remains the final jollification. This will take place on Monday night at the famous old boxing house, the Blue Anchor, in Chancery Street, Shoreditch. All anglers, and especially those who have taken part in the competition, are cordially invited to attend.

## TEST MATCH—LATEST.

Englishmen all Dismissed  
for the Moderate Total  
of 249.

SYDNEY, Feb. 27.

The test match was continued this morning in muggy weather. The wicket remained good, and there was again a large crowd. Noble and Trumble shared the bowling. Knight was missed by McLeod at point off Noble's first ball.

Arnold joined Knight, but was dismissed without scoring, being leg before to Noble's fifth ball.

Lilley, who came in next, hit out freely and scored much faster than Knight. When he had made 24 Lilley was caught by Hopkins at long-on off Trumble. Earlier the scoring was slow, Lilley getting most of the runs. Knight was exceedingly cautious, but played keenly.

Rhodes, the last man in, was stumped by Kelly when he had made 10. Knight, not out 70.

M.C.C.

Warner, b Noble .....	0
Hayward, c McAlister, b Trumble .....	18
Tyldesley, c Gregory, b Noble .....	16
Foster, c McAlister, b Noble .....	19
Knight, not out .....	70
Braund, c Trumble, b Noble .....	39
Hirst, b Noble .....	25
Bosanquet, b Hopkins .....	12
Arnold, lbw, b Noble .....	0
Lilley, c Hopkins, b Trumble .....	24
Rhodes, st Kelly, b Noble .....	10
Extras .....	16

Total ..... 249

Score at Lunch: Australia 16 for no wicket.

—Reuter's Special Service.

[Earlier details will be found on page 14.]

## FOOTBALL FEATURES.

A Capital List of Fixtures for  
This Afternoon.

The "card" for this afternoon is a splendid one. Metropolitan followers of the Association game are lavishly catered for, there being first-class games at Plumstead, Fulham, Millwall, West Ham, Tottenham, and Queen's Club. Blackheath are out of town, but two splendid Rugby matches may be witnessed at Richmond. The kick-off does not now take place, generally, until 3.30—a suitable arrangement for those who do not leave business until two o'clock.

As Tottenham Hotspur beat Aston Villa in the Football Association Cup Competition at Birmingham on Thursday, the directors of the London club are seriously concerned about their third round tie with Sheffield Wednesday next Saturday. The fiasco at Tottenham a week ago opens up the question as to whether it would not be better to play the match with Sheffield Wednesday elsewhere.

We have the best authority for stating that the Hotspur Club directors, with a view to preventing the slightest chance of a mishap, are endeavouring



MR. TOOTELL,  
who, after murdering his wife and two daughters  
at Maidstone, committed suicide.

to procure the Crystal Palace enclosure for this particular game. The move is a wise one, although many of the supporters of the London team are bound to grumble should the scene of operations be shifted to Sydenham.

## TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL FIXTURES.

ASSOCIATION.  
THE LEAGUE.

Wolverhampton Wanderers v. Newcastle United.  
Liverpool v. Manchester City.  
Sunderland v. West Bromwich Albion.  
Middlesbrough v. Notts County.  
Sheffield Wednesday v. Small Heath.  
Bury v. Derby County.  
Aston Villa v. Sheffield United.  
Notts Forest v. Everton.

## Division II.

Bristol City v. Bolton Wanderers.  
Bradford City v. Lincoln City.  
Burslem Port Vale v. Leicester Fosse.  
Blackpool v. Grimsby Town.  
Gainsborough v. Preston North End.  
Glossop v. Stockport County.  
Burton United v. Burnley.  
Woolwich Arsenal v. Barnsley.

## SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Southampton v. Reading.  
Fulham v. Plymouth Argyle.  
Millwall v. Queen's Park Rangers.  
New Brompton v. Bristol Rovers.  
Swindon v. Brentford.  
West Ham v. Northampton.  
Luton v. Brighton and Hove Albion.

## SOUTHERN SUBURBAN LEAGUE.

Bromley v. West Norwood.  
Wingfield House v. Folkestone.

## OTHER MATCHES.

Corinthians v. Stoke. At Queen's Club.  
Ipswich v. Clapton.  
Lifford v. Croydon.  
Woodford v. Shepherd's Bush.  
Leytonstone v. New Brompton Amateurs.  
Dulwich Hamlet v. Old Westminsters.

## RUGBY.

Ireland v. Scotland. At Dublin.  
Bristol v. Newport.  
Cardiff v. Gloucester.  
Devonport Albion v. London Welsh.  
Moseley v. Manchester.  
Cambridge University v. Blackheath.  
Oxford v. Northern University.  
Birkenhead Park v. Liverpool.  
Richmond v. Leicester.  
London Scottish v. London Irish.  
Lennox v. R.F.B.C.

## NEWS FROM NEWMARKET.

Being in close proximity to H. Enoch's team I noticed several of them who have made most marked improvement.

Among those who have thrived is Islemann, a half-brother to Orion. This son of Martagon-Lesbos, ran very creditably upon more than one occasion last year. He is a stout-hearted colt.

Leucadia, who easily disposed of Tom Thumb, Bronze Medal, and Barnstormer in the Ham Stakes at Goodwood, has come on with rapid strides during the recess, and she is not at all an unlikely filly to carry Mr. Douglas Baird's colours with great prominence in the One Thousand Guineas.

Marmontel has done remarkably well since he ran third to Foundling and Catcradle in the Maiden Two-year-old Race at headquarters.

Mousqueton, a well-bred son of Carbine and Musa, well paid his way last season. He is an improving colt.

Pomegranate, a daughter of Persimmon—Briar Root, who was a great source of disappointment to her owner last season, has made very satisfactory improvement.

In dealing with the younger division of the team trained by H. Enoch, special mention must be made concerning Montrouge, who, being by Martagon—Fleur de Marie, is consequently an own brother to Champ de Mars. He has come on nicely since he last appeared before the public.

Fusilier, a son of Carbine—Primavera, who is half-brother to Marmontel of whom mention has been made

## MAIDSTONE'S SADDEST TRAGEDY.

Evidence Shows that Mr. Tootell was Probably in  
a Sudden Fit of Epilepsy.

"We are to inquire into positively the saddest case in the history of this town." These were the words with which Mr. Tatham, the Maidstone Borough coroner, prefaced his brief remarks to the jury in opening the inquest yesterday on the bodies of the four victims of the tragedy which occurred last Wednesday—a tragedy of which the circumstances have been of the most heartrending nature.

The coroner spoke with deep feeling; for those into whose deaths he had to conduct his inquiry had been personal friends, and his emotion was shared by everyone present in the crowded court.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tootell and their daughters had lived amongst them since their marriage; in fact, Mr. Tootell had been known to most of them since his early boyhood. Hence few of the inhabitants of Maidstone had escaped that more lasting pang borne of the sense of personal loss when they learnt the harrowing story last Wednesday of how Mrs. Tootell and two of her daughters, Evelyn, aged twenty, and Audrey, aged thirteen, had been found lying murdered at their home, Harlestone, in London-road.

Then there had followed the search for Mr. Tootell, the dragging of the river, and the recovery of his body from the Medway late on Thursday.

## Living in Happy Circumstances.

Such, very briefly, was the course of the tragic events which irresistibly attracted large crowds outside the coroner's court, the mortuary, and the Tootells' late residence yesterday. The latter is a substantial house, with pleasant grounds, reflecting in its appearance the affluent circumstances in which the family had lived. As an auctioneer and estate agent, Mr. Tootell had met with much professional success, having been justly looked upon as a man of great business aptitude and high integrity. At one time he had been a major in the

tween the bars of the rails. An incised wound about six inches in length passed through all the vessels of the neck down to the vertebrae.

A piece of a broken razor was found in the youngest victim's throat. Three razors covered in blood were discovered, two of which were broken.

In a room downstairs a blood-stained letter, addressed to the murderer's sister was found. It read:—

"My Dear Let,—I have made a terrible mistake, and we cannot face it. Forgive me. All I have is yours. Take care of my dear Irene. Get her away, and try to forgive us. Let Bill see to things. My mind is gone. I don't know what will happen.—CHARLIE."

The servants' story showed that the family retired about ten o'clock. They heard nothing whatever during the night, and in accordance with the usual practice a cup of tea was left outside Mr. Tootell's door about ten minutes to seven o'clock in the morning.

As this was untouched at 8.30, they grew anxious, and, eventually entering the bedroom of one of the daughters, they found the bedclothes



MISS EVELYN TOOTELL,  
one of the two girls who, with their mother,  
were murdered at Maidstone. [Lawyer.]

disturbed. The gardener was summoned, and, discovering traces of blood, he went for the police.

Mr. Tootell was nowhere to be found. When he was ultimately discovered drowned in the Medway a revolver fully loaded was taken from one of his pockets.

## Brain Racked by Figures.

The medical evidence showed that earlier in the week Mr. Tootell complained of feeling unwell, saying that his nerves were upset. He informed Dr. Strouts that a great many figures had lately gone through his hands, and these had disturbed him at night.

Dr. Gibb said that these attacks from which Mr. Tootell had suffered occurred very suddenly, and that under such circumstances a man would attack his best friends.

Homicide and suicide were a frequent result of such forms of epilepsy. These impulses were sudden and purposeless, and while the deed was in progress a man's mind was vacuous, and there was no consciousness.

In a small attack one recovered consciousness with a certain amount of giddiness. Mr. Tootell

## VICTIM OF THE MAIDSTONE TRAGEDY.



Mrs. Tootell, who, with her two daughters, was murdered at Maidstone by her husband in a fit of madness. [Lawyer.]

above, is a colt of considerable promise, and has done remarkably well during the last few months. He is a remarkably fine-looking animal, who should be followed.

Pretty Polly and others in Mr. Gilpin's team do not appear at active exercise, being put through a course of medicine.

Pincus was busy yesterday with his horses, Proffer and Harama, the latter of whom is in the Lincoln Handicap, but will not be ready in time. These are the only couple of animals owned by the popular American veteran.

Cannon was busy with Csardas, and Irish Lancer went two miles and a half.

Burses is doing well in Webb's team, and so also is Vergia, who looks quite a picture.

At Hurst Park THE HAWK will be very bad to beat in the New Century Steeplechase.

## OLD ROWLEY.

## TO-DAY'S ATHLETICS.

At Lingfield this afternoon the twenty-first annual ten miles race across country for the championship of the Southern Counties Association will be decided. Twenty-one clubs have entered.

A. Shrub, of the South London Harriers, who has already scored three consecutive annual individual wins, is strongly fancied to easily beat the field. In 1902 and 1903 he was well hunted home by A. Aldridge; but the latter, under the fourteen months' first claim rule, is not eligible to represent his present club (the Highgate Harriers) to-day, as his old club, the Kent A.C., will be sending a team. Had the latter not entered, Aldridge would have been eligible to run as a Highgate Harrier.

Next to Shrub (but not quite in his class) come G. Pearce (Highgate H.), F. James (Herne Hill H.), W. J. Clark (Essex Beagles), H. D. Montague (Thames Valley H.), A. R. Churchill (Ranelagh H.), A. F. Davis (Bath and Somerset), W. Baker (Brighton and County), and others who should make a great race for prominent positions.

There are no other athletic fixtures of great importance to-day.

local Volunteer battalion of the West Kent Regiment, but had resigned. He was in his fiftieth year, his wife being four years younger.

Mrs. Tootell was a lady of much personal attraction and charm, and she and her husband and daughters had been on terms of friendship with most of the principal residents of the town. The whole surroundings and circumstances of their life combined to make it one of perfect domestic happiness.

After the jury had performed their melancholy duty of viewing the bodies at the mortuary, the coroner proceeded with the inquiry, considering first the circumstances of Mrs. Tootell's death. Her brother-in-law, Mr. Joseph Tootell, who is also an auctioneer in Maidstone, was called. The last occasion on which he saw his brother was at half-past four on the afternoon preceding the tragedy. His brother then acted in a perfectly natural manner, and appeared just as usual, showing no signs of illness whatever.

## Not a Strong Man.

He was not a strong man, however, and a few years ago underwent an operation for the removal of an abscess which was forming on the bone inside the ear.

He lived on the happiest terms with his wife and family.

The police evidence showed Mrs. Tootell had evidently been murdered in her sleep. There was a large quantity of blood on the bedclothes, which had been replaced over her head, but there were no signs of a struggle.

The state of things in the daughters' bedrooms however, showed that a fierce struggle had taken place. There were blood marks all over the walls, whilst in the case of the elder girl she was found lying on the bed with her head pushed back be-



MISS IRENE TOOTELL,  
The third daughter who was away at school  
when her mother and two sisters were murdered. [Lawyer.]

must have come round, and then have written the letter which was read during the inquest.

The jury returned verdicts of Wilful Murder in the cases of Mrs. Tootell and her daughters, and of Suicide while temporarily insane in the case of the husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Tootell will be buried on Monday in one grave, and their daughters will be interred close to them in separate graves.

## REMOVING THE NEIGHBOUR'S BOUNDARY.

Reuter telegraphs from Peshawar that, according to a native report received there from Col. A. the Ameer's boundary pillars on the Turkestan border have been destroyed by Russian agents.